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Draft EIS issued for lower fighter training flights

By MICHAEL DANIELS

For 20 years the U.S. Air Force has been trying unsuccessfully to lower the "floor" at which military aircraft can operate in the Condor Military Operating Areas 1 and 2 (MOAs), which overlie much of western Maine, including the Bethel area.

In the early 1990s the Air Force sought to have the Federal Aviation Administration approve lowering the current floor of 7,000 feet to 300 feet, in order to accommodate the training needs of F-10 "Warthogs."

Three years ago it attempted to have the floor lowered to 500 feet, for use by F-15 "Eagles."

The F-10s and F-15s would have been flown by pilots of the 104th Fighter Wing of the Massachusetts Air National Guard, flying out of the MANG's base in Westfield.

But in both cases the Air Force's bureaucratic sortees were stalled by a combination of protests from Maine residents, including pilots, living under Condor, and unanimous opposition from Maine's Congressional delegation.

Their reasons stemmed largely from concerns about noise and the danger posed to other aircraft using the airspace.

Now the Air Force is back.

Last week it released a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for nationwide "Operational Bedding" of its new fighter, the F-35 "Lightning II Joint Force Fighter."

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Spring cleaning



Greenwood Fire Chief Albert Curtis Jr. stretches to pressure rinse a hood during Sunday's car wash at the Locke Mills Fire Station, while Fireman Jason Thayer cleans a wheel. The Fire Department hopes to hold one car wash a month through the summer and into the fall, Curtis said. The events raise money for the Fire Association Fund, and is then used to aid injured first responders, residents who have been burned out of their homes, and local youth sports teams.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Dirty, littered, decaying properties pose problem in Woodstock

By ALISON ALOISIO

As Joelle Corey-Whitman, Woodstock's code enforcement officer, works her way through a list of properties in violation of the town's property maintenance or junkyard ordinances, she's worried that there could eventually be backlash on the cleanup effort, which at least in the short term may cost the town money.

"My concern is that it gets pricey quickly, when you start cleaning up for other people," she told selectmen at their meeting Tuesday. "There's going to come a day when you say, 'OK, Joelle, you're done.'"

But the board was supportive. Said Ron Deegan, "No,

you're doing your job."

Two properties came before the board Tuesday as part of a public hearing, and Corey-Whitman is in-

ties.

For one of the two properties they dealt with at Tuesday's hearing, the board approved a cleanup

communications from the town on taking care of the problems, the officials said.

When Corey-Whitman and Maxfield went inside

costs could potentially run in the thousands.

The board voted to initiate cleanup of the outside of the property, and place

plan and timetable to meet town requirements.

Corey-Whitman said one of the other four properties she is investigating has some 80 tires on it, along with a 1,000-gallon fuel tank left near a stream.

Other business

Selectmen also discussed the need for a plowing agreement with residents of the Billings Hill Road.

At last month's town meeting, voters turned down a request from road residents to open the road to winter maintenance, out of concern that it would be costly to fix the road to a standard to allow proper plowing.

Currently, residents ar-

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CEO expresses concern about possible backlash over costs of cleaning up properties in violation of Property Maintenance Ordinance.

investigating another four. Selectman Steve Bies wondered what had happened with such properties in decades past, and what is different now.

Town Manager Vern Maxfield said the 2008 Property Maintenance Ordinance, combined with a new CEO, have made the difference. He also cited greater awareness of the potential for hazardous materials on such proper-

ties. plan that they said could ultimately cost thousands of dollars.

They decided the former S and S Redemption building, on Railroads Street next to the Post Office, needed urgent cleanup of trash on the outside and a consultant's opinion on how to handle the interior.

The owner, John Berry, lives out of state and has not responded to commu-

nications from the town on taking care of the problems, the officials said.

But her main concern was mold and animal feces that could present a health threat to anyone else who might go inside, particularly children.

Selectman Ron Deegan said if any of the material had to be dealt with by a professional contractor,

the building recently, she said, they found that the ceiling had collapsed, and there was vermiculite everywhere.

The second property, on the Cushman Road, belongs to Michael and Julie Cummings. Julie Cummings, who has been in touch with Corey-Whitman during the ordinance process, attended the hearing and agreed to a

\$10,000 grant puts steam in restoration of Gilead rail depot

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Gilead Historical Society has received a \$10,000 grant from the Presumpscot Foundation, to help with the completion of renovation of the 160-year-old Gilead Railroad Depot building.

The 1851 depot is the oldest rail-related structure in Maine, and among the oldest in the U.S., according to a press release from the society.

The restoration is a component of the society's ongoing initiative to restore its historic village.

For 20 years, until 2011, the station had served as an office building in Auburn. In January of that year, it was moved back to Gilead to the McLain family lot. The lot is located next to the town's old schoolhouse, which had also been relocated there.

The station was saved from destruction in 1991 when Ford Reiche, a lifetime member of the Gilead Historical Society, moved it from Gilead to Auburn after the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad decided the building was no longer needed.

Reiche also successfully applied for the building to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The station returned to Gilead after he sold his Auburn business and formed the Presumpscot Foundation, which also financed the relocation.

The \$10,000 grant will go toward several projects: finishing up inside work in the station, including some painting and sealing the floor; replacing the chimney; installing electricity; and constructing a platform in front of the station, according to Lin McLain Chapman, secretary of the Gilead Historical Society.

She said the inside of the building has already been painted, and the remaining work will begin soon.

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Telstar freshman at home on ice, in goal

By ALISON ALOISIO

A Telstar freshman who only learned to skate about three years ago has made the Portland Junior Pirates Under-16 Girls Hockey Team, as a goalie.

McCaella Prentice, 15, of Woodstock decided at 13 that she would like to learn to skate and try her hand at hockey.

So she traveled to the rink at Hebron Academy for a year. She practiced the basics and then took part in some hockey scrimmages.

"I've always been interested in hockey," said McCaella. "After I got my skates under me, I went to Bridgton, with Western Maine Youth Hockey [a league based at Bridgton Academy]."

She played defense during her first season at

Bridgton. "I became a goalie by accident," she said. "At the end of the first season, the girl playing goalie got hurt," she said.

The coaches asked her to try the net. "I ended up really liking it," she said.

She attended hockey camps in the summer to hone her skills. She does exercises to stay in shape, and also plays soccer and softball at Telstar.

This past hockey season she had a total of 776 saves in 16 appearances in goal, posting a .925 save percentage.

She decided in the spring to try out for the Pirates junior team, and although she didn't make it on the first attempt (in Lewiston), she didn't give up,



THIS FRESHMAN MCCAELLA PRENTICE minds the net for the Western Maine Youth Hockey Lady Wolverines.

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MOLLYOCKETT DAY 2012

To the Editor:

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce is planning for the upcoming and highly-anticipated MollyOckett Days, which is scheduled for July 21 and 22. We'd like to recognize and thank Northeast Bank for stepping up for the second year as Presenting Sponsor!

We have already done a mailing to past vendors, and are welcoming new vendors who meet the event criteria. Please contact the Chamber office for an application and any questions you may have. Applications are also available on the event website, www.mollyockettdays.com

The Bethel Selectmen have approved the closure of a portion of Main Street, from Chapman Street to the Common after the parade, to allow for the expansion of vendors and event festivities beyond the Common and Broad Street areas. It will be terrific to include more of the Main Street businesses in the event and make the upper Main Street a pedestrian zone.

We know many of you are awaiting the announcement of this year's theme, which is "The Arts and Traditions of MollyOckett." We invite anyone who is interested in creating a parade float to contact our Parade Coordinator, Matty Leach, or come into the Chamber office for a Parade Application.

We are also seeking young women to apply for the 2012 Miss MollyOckett title. Applications will be available at both Telstar High School and Gould Academy, as well as through the Chamber office.

The Sunday events will be limited to the traditional MollyOckett Day Classic foot races, sponsored this year by Stephens Memorial Hospital and the new Diaper Dash for youngsters under age 3. Applications can be obtained on the event website or by contacting the Chamber office.

It is the Chamber's goal to preserve the long-standing traditions of MollyOckett Day but start what we hope to be new traditions. Our long-range goals are to expand the festival to be inclusive of more Bethel area businesses and also incorporate more Native American events and demonstrations to make the festival more in keeping with its namesake MollyOckett.

Robin Zinchuk
Executive Director

RUNNING FOR REGISTER

To the Editor:

Carol J. Gutekunst is announcing her candidacy for Register of Probate of Oxford County.

Carol Gutekunst was the Probate Clerk for Oxford County from 1988 until 1994 when she was appointed Deputy Register of Probate until retiring in 2008. Gutekunst previously worked at the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C., and is a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Mrs. Gutekunst is "officially" on the ballot for the June 12 Democratic Primary after gathering over 150 signatures from friends and supporters.

The duties of the Register are quasi-judiciary. The Register is authorized to make appointments in Informal Estates with or without Wills and without prior notice. The Register is also responsible to the Judge of Probate for preparation and recording of court proceedings and documents.

"The Probate office needs the full-time attention of its Register and I intend to devote my energies and experience to the task each and every day if elected by the voters of Oxford County." Mrs. Gutekunst added, "My extensive Probate knowledge, experience and proven commitment to Oxford County government will be the foundation of my election campaign. I want local taxpayers to know how important and essential the work of the Probate office is and am honored to be considered by voters for the position of Register of Probate."

She is married to Philip G. Gutekunst. They have been residents of Norway since 1977 and have three children, Jason, Kate and Rachel. Carol Gutekunst can be reached at 527-2303 or cgutekunst@roadrunner.com.

Roy G Gedat
Norway

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability. Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters submitted after that deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit.

Send your letters to: Editor, Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217-0109. Fax: 824-2426. E-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

THANKS FROM THE HEART

To the Editor:

I encourage the Bethel community, along with many of those people who came from other areas to attend the Concert From the Heart for Donnie Katlin Sunday afternoon, to take sweet pride in the phenomenal support you offered for this event. It is extremely obvious that our friend Donnie, and his family, are loved beyond measure! Seeing such a large audience inside Bingham Auditorium, especially when the sun was shining so beautifully outside, was heartwarming to say the least.

Thank you all so much for being such caring people.

Eternal thanks to Paul Dube, Ellen Lindsey, Ross Timberlake, Rolly York, Al Mallory, Conni St. Pierre, Sam Chapman, Brady Chapman, Ed and Linda Cooper, Pete Morton, Fred Johnson, Brad Hooper, Wendy Green and of course Mr. Katlin, himself, for all the fabulous music! Special thanks to Gould Academy for providing such a perfect venue for this sweet event and those faculty members who helped with accessing the auditorium. Also, huge thanks to Tony Andrews for doing such a wonderful job running sound and to Kayla Day for helping with set up, lights, and in general being such a great "personal assistant." Thanks to Carri at the Citizen office for helping with the poster, and to the Bethel Citizen, Sun Journal, Creative Media, Brad Hooper, Mahosuc Arts, and all the Facebook people out there who helped get the word out. I'm also very grateful to Wayne Howe, our community's devoted Western Hills Access Television videographer. Because of his fine efforts, if all goes well with editing, etc., there will eventually be a DVD of the concert available, or perhaps you'll catch it on local access, Channel 11. And last but not least: Thank you Mr. Katlin (aka "Friend") for surviving in the first place and being so gracious in allowing us to do the concert. If I forgot anyone else, I'm so sorry!

Aren't we all fortunate to have each other?

Jewel Clark
Bethel

INTELLIGENT LIFE ON THE PLANET?

To the Editor:

A tirade is defined as a long and angry speech of accusation or criticism. Are Don Chase's letters exactly that, or, are they critically important, well-informed and stated responses to the megaphone of neocon corporatism, as Seabury Lyon contends. You decide.

If a person dare express conservative political opinions, according to some close-minded liberals like Mr. Lyon, these opinions must be a product of the corrupt, incompetent news media to which they have been exposed. No reasoning process could possibly have been involved in expressing these ideas, in arriving at these conclusions!

In a recent letter, Mr. Lyon states, "current consensus among skilled and widely respected economists, academics and analysts of history point to Republican policies for more than 30 years as for agonies we suffer today, including the abysmal lack of high-quality news and information."

Hmmm... I wonder about those 30 years of Republican policies... Let's throw out another stat: of the last 20 years, 12 have had Democratic presidents. I know I'm just a simple conservative who can't think for herself, but that sure seems like over half to me. Can any well-informed intelligent liberal confirm my math, please?

Exactly who are all these skilled and respected people Mr. Lyon seems to personally know who blame Republicans for all of our present woes? He forgot to name his sources to corroborate his "carefully considered opinion," oops. I suppose it is possible he obtains his "quality news" directly, by chatting over lunch with these pillars of society. Or perhaps he flies daily to D.C. to attend public hearings and press conferences to ensure that his "news" is untainted by hidden agendas?

Most likely, he trusts his own "news" sources to do those things for him. And most likely, they are the ones that I (and a majority of other Americans) believe are "corrupt and incompetent" not to mention obviously biased, spewing slanted "news" dictated by those who provide the mega-funding to prop them up, while advertisers and viewers abandon them in droves.

I have always been one who does my homework, researches, questions, listens, decides. I continue to listen and keep an open mind, and I know it may be difficult to believe, but I sometimes change my opinions based upon more recent experiences. I most certainly am not led by the nose by any one or any thing. I have been opposed to big government intrusion for as long as I can remember, writing letters to newspapers for nearly 35 years, long before I ever heard of the "hate radio" that Mr. Lyon credits for the present conservative movement. He insults my intelligence and gives undue recognition to the media in doing so. My values and opinions have been largely formed early on, through personal experience; instances in which government has carelessly and yes, intentionally trampled on my rights and those of my friends and family.

A thought that has occurred to this conservative who cannot reason for herself: I wonder if any of the occupiers and their armchair supporters, while celebrating their hatred for successful corporations, own any mutual fund retirement accounts? How hypocritical would that be, for them to actually own the very corporations they hate? Hmmm...

Liberals, progressives, occupiers, whatever you call yourselves nowadays, admit it: There are a few people with conservative opinions who are intelligent and widely respected. Do not call them names. Do not discount their reasoning as unskilled. Do not credit any media for brainwashing them. Open your minds, use your own reasoning skills; concede that liberals are not the only intelligent life on the planet!

And please, forgive my tirade.

Brenda Stickney
Andover

Celladore

'How do you get water?'

Better than crust were icicles of almost entirely water content. We had never liked the long porches and the low addition on the barn that was meant for a garage and used for a blacksmith shop. Now they were assets. Some days three-foot-long icicles hung all along the edge. Picking them was great fun. One looked up, seeing the beauty all around, then reached for the iridescent prize, as elusive to capture as the rainbow. They snapped loose from the eaves and shattered in one's hand. There were two approaches: one to go gaily along holding a pail underneath and listening to the broken bits falling like a scherzo dance tune; or, to go slowly, and try each time to get just one intact. Does one skip along and take life as it comes? Does one go slowly and forever try to hold beauty intact in one's hands? Why had no poet ever written a sonnet to an icicle?

Upstairs I put old rugs under the windows and set out tubs. In the morning I stepped out on the porch roof and shoveled in snow or ice. By night it would be melted for bathroom use. We went to Alice's and filled gallon glass jugs for cooking and drinking water. B.B. had a one hundred-gallon tank on the truck which he hauled up full to water the horses. This was a bit of a nuisance as we could not leave the water outside at night; it froze. So everything available was pressed into use for a container and the kitchen was always full of tubs, my big canning kettle, even our largest wastebaskets. I thought that we were managing quite well, but B.B. did not.

He came in one day with a tank of water but did not empty it. Instead there was much running up and down of cellar stairs, trips to the pump house. Finally I heard some oaths and saw B.B. letting the water run out on the ground. Was he daft? I hastily put on the kettle, laid out the coffee cups. In he came with a strange looking device in his hands. He had bought it thinking that it would pump the water from the tank on the truck into the big tank in the cellar. Darkness had come, he could no longer see to fuss with it, and it did not work. He explained, as was his wont, exactly how it should have performed; no part was missing. I listened, as usual not understanding a word. I felt I must show some response so suggested maybe there was a defective part. Tomorrow we could exchange it.

Tomorrow came; the mercury went up to thirty-two degrees. B.B. was off; home cheerfully, there had been something wrong. He was off for a tank of water. I listened at the cellar door, soon came the angels singing, the sound of the swish of water going into the big tank. I raced downstairs; no leaks, it was working. B.B. dashed back to town for two more loads and came in with great satisfaction announcing, "And now we can empty out all these d... tubs and pans and be able to walk through the house again without danger of drowning."

I looked at him aghast. "You certainly aren't planning to dump all this good water, are you?" "Why not, I can haul more." "I will use it now then." So I flew to wash sweaters, socks, and floors, using water with abandon. Going through the southwest chamber to the window to throw some dirty water over the edge of the roof so as not to clog the plumbing, I remembered a winter project that I had had before the well went dry.

Nothing seems impossible in March. One year we had only four days of sunshine in thirty-one days. The wind can blow, snowstorms can come, the mercury can drop below zero but always there are longer hours of daylight and hotter sunshine. No matter what comes, the long hill of winter has been climbed and one goes on to summer. (No spring in Maine.) We had some gay weekends when Mimi came to stay with us while her husband was off finishing an advanced degree at Harvard. She was expecting a baby soon so we put her in the best bed in the southeast room though it was crowded with the furniture from the room being painted. Also there were three tubs of water there.

Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The Bethel Conservation Commission sponsored an Earth Day celebration at the town's recycling center.

The Rev. Norman Rust of Waterford had accepted the position of Interim Minister of the First Congregational Church of Norridgewock.

Births: Tyler Nathaniel Thurston, Caleb Lee Moyer, Kevin Riley Lund-Briggs.

Deaths: Lois A. Burgess, Pamela J. Gauthier.

20 years ago: Fifteen seventh- and eighth-grade students from the Bethel area were busy raising money for a trip to Mijas, Spain.

Several members of the SAD 44 bird carving class taught by Mike Murphy brought home ribbons from the Augusta Sportsman Show.

Births: Desirae Lee Cox, Ryan Thomas O'Leary, Clendon Dalton Mader.

Deaths: Lanson B. Philbrick, Vera L. McInnis.

30 years ago: The large stained-glass windows of the Bethel United Methodist Church were fitted with protective plexiglass storm windows.

Sunday River Ski Area closed for the season on April 19.

Extensive renovations had begun at the former Thunderbird Motel converting it to a 23-unit apartment complex for the elderly.

Births: Melody Brooke Gammon, Hana Kate Patrick, Melissa Ann Buckner.

Deaths: Christine F. Hibbard, Mrs. Cora M. Bennett.

40 years ago: Roger Buck of Telstar Regional High School received the first-place trophy for highest scoring junior in the 1971-72 Pi-Cone Math League competition.

50 years ago: Demolition prior to reconstruction of the William Bingham Gymnasium had begun and was progressing rapidly.

Birth: Martha Jean Merrill.

Deaths: Wendell K. Clark, Theodore Dunham, Lester E. Lane, Perry Raimery.

60 years ago: The First National Store closed after more than 20 years of operation in Bethel. Clyde Brooks, who had been manager for eight years, opened his own store at the same location.

The Warren Blake garage property, opposite the junction of Cross Street and Route 26 was purchased by Bennett's Garage, Inc.

Births: Jack Appleton Chapman, David York.

Deaths: Fred A. Dunham, Miss Ora W. Boney, Brenda Brown, Walter W. Brinck, Freeborn Richardson, Amelia Schwind.

70 years ago: Blackout rules for pedestrians were published.

Deaths: John E. Brock, William Swan.

80 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. William Frederick Smith of Bryant Pond were fatally injured when their car was struck by a train while they were crossing the track near Mann's mill.

Deaths: Walter Griffen, Mrs. Emily Taylor.

90 years ago: Community Hospital was being planned for Rumford.

Charles House was severely injured at Merrill Springer's Mill. He was caught in a belt and carried about 15 feet, receiving a fractured skull and many bruises.

Death: George Baker.

100 years ago: Herschell Walker was unconscious for several hours when a tree fell on his neck and shoulders.

Marriage: Arthur H. Brown and Cora H. Scribner.

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Briefly

Prescription-drug Take Back Day

BETHEL—On Saturday, April 28, the Oxford County Sheriff's Department will accept old or unneeded prescription drugs in the OXCS office at 18 Mayville Road (The Norway Savings Bank Building). Collection hours will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Prescription drugs are abused by more Americans than those that use cocaine, hallucinogens and heroin put together. The Take Back program was initially set up by the DEA to prevent old medicine from falling into unauthorized hands as well as to keep it from being thrown away and seeping into water supplies.

Sudbury Inn auction in May

BETHEL—An auction of the Sudbury Inn in Bethel has been rescheduled for May 23, while the financial institution that has been in foreclosure proceedings on the property tries to find a resolution prior to the auction, according to Tom Satturley of Tranzon Auction Properties LLC. "I'm optimistic," he said Wednesday. An auction had originally been scheduled for April 5. Owner Scott Davis bought the property in 2008, and said in March that he was working to secure refinancing for the business. In the meantime, Tranzon has advertised the property nationwide. He said there has been "strong" interest. "The inn is a known entity," he said.

Advertiser Democrat finalist for Pulitzer

By LESLIE DIXON, Sun Media Group

The Advertiser Democrat of Norway was a finalist for the 2012 Pulitzer Prize in the local reporting category. A.M. Sheehan, editor of the Advertiser Democrat, and former reporter Matthew Hongoltz-Hetling, who now reports from the Sun Media's Forecaster in Falmouth, were cited for their "tenacious exposure of disgraceful conditions in federally-supported housing in a small rural community that, within hours, triggered a state investigation."

The pair exposed the deplorable state of government-subsidized housing in their community during a three-month investigation that was initiated after a rooming house fire at one of the apartment's in downtown Norway. Within four hours of publication, the state launched an official probe.

The awards were announced by the Pulitzer Prize judges Monday.

First place for the local reporting category went to Sara Ganim and members of The Patriot-News staff, in Harrisburg, Pa., their exposure of the Penn State sex scandal, involving former football coach Jerry Sandusky.

After the Advertiser Democrat story appeared, Norway Code Enforcement Officer Joele Corey-Whitman went to work issuing citations to landlords and she organized a tenant/landlord forum to help educate everyone about the problems. Within weeks, the state began reinspecting all of its Section 8 properties statewide and pulled some landlords from the program.

"We are thrilled to be in such esteemed company," Sheehan said shortly after receiving the news. "It is really special to know that the top journalism honor considers both large and tiny news organizations. We are fortunate to be able to work in an environment, supported by Sun Media, that allows us to pursue stories such as this one... our job is to help better our community, and speak up when something is not right."

The work of Sheehan and Hongoltz-Hetling was nominated as one of two finalists for the Pulitzer Prize.

"We're obviously very proud to be a finalist," Advertiser Democrat Publisher Ed Snook said. "Sun Media and the whole Oxford Hills area should be proud."

Also nominated as finalist in the local reporting category were the staff of the California Watch, founded by the Center for Investigative Reporting, Berkeley, who were named for a probe of deficient earthquake protection in the construction of public schools across the state.

This is not the first award that the Advertiser Democrat pair has earned in the past few weeks for their reporting of the housing scandal in Norway and Paris.

Earlier this month Sheehan and Hongoltz-Hetling were honored in New York City with one of journalism's most coveted awards: the George Polk Award for Journalism.

On Sunday, they were in Washington, D.C., to accept the Michael Kelly award as a finalist along with reporters from The Associated Press and Harper's Magazine. The award winner was Sara Stillman of The New Yorker.

At the Sunday presentation, the judges said the Advertiser Democrat "demonstrated that a news organization does not have to be big to have a big impact."

CLARIFICATION

BOARD VOTE FIRST OF TWO—An article in last week's Citizen on the School Board vote regarding a policy on awarding diplomas to war veterans should have said the vote was the first of two to be taken on the issue.

WMNF extends deadline for Artist-In-Residence Program applications

The White Mountain National Forest and the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire is extending the deadline for applications for the 2012 White Mountain National Forest Artist-in-Residence program. Interested artists in all media are invited to apply for the residency, a celebration of the connections between forest, landscape, and culture. The extended deadline for applications is May 18. The selected artist will be notified by June 15.

The WMNF Artist-in-Residence program offers professional and emerging artists from around the country (visual and performing artists, craftspeople, writers, composers, eco artists and media artists) an opportunity to pursue their particular art form while being inspired by the surrounding forest and, on several occasions, sharing their work and their artistic process with members of the public. The goal of the residency program is to use art and creative expression to explore the many ways in which people relate to forests in general, and to the White Mountain National Forest in particular.

During the second year of the Artist-In-Residence program, one artist residency of at least three weeks will be offered between July and September. Find more information and an application for the program at www.aannh.org, or contact the Arts Alliance at Frumie@aannh.org, 603-323-7802.

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CLOSE CALL—Burned hay, grass and branches behind the Alder River Grange. Scorched earth could be seen less than 5 feet from the Grange's side. (Photo: M. Daniels)

No cause yet Sunday fire in East Bethel

By LESLIE DIXON, Sun Media Wire
No cause has yet been determined for a grass fire Sunday evening that threatened the Alder River Grange in East Bethel. Bethel Fire Chief Mike Jodrey said Wednesday that both the Forest Service and state fire marshal have studied the site, and are working together to determine a cause. The fire ignited about 100 round bales of hay Sunday evening. The hay was be-

ing stored behind a barn owned by John and Eva Coolidge of 994 East Bethel Road. The Coolidge family was at a cookout nearby when Eva and John's son Ryan noticed fire coming from the back of their barn, where the hay was stockpiled three bales high, at about 6 p.m. Coolidge said she and her husband, John, and others rushed to hook up hoses to try to contain the fire,

which was threatening the adjacent East Bethel Grange Hall. Fires have been plaguing the state all week due to hot temperatures and very dry ground. The Forest Service rated the fire danger in the Bethel and Rumford area Tuesday as "extreme." According to the Forest Service rating, "fires under extreme conditions start quickly, spread furiously, and burn intensely."

Cleanups

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private plowing presents a liability concern. Selectman Rick Young said if someone went up the road and got hurt, "that's a liability issue we really don't need." A sign warning of private maintenance wouldn't suffice, Maxfield said. He said one solution might be a waiver agreement with residents, but the only other two options for would be to reconsider winter maintenance, or close the road to use by cars all winter. Selectmen asked him to seek legal counsel on the issue. General assistance On Maxfield's recommendation, selectmen decided to decline, at least for now, to participate in an arrangement with area

towns to have their general assistance programs administered through Community Concepts. The advantage, said Maxfield, would be to put all applicants through one person, and to avoid duplication. But the cost for the service, he felt, was prohibitive. He estimated the annual cost at approximately \$4,800. "I can't justify it right now," he said. Maxfield said Corey Whitman has recently been helping with Woodstock's applicants, and has been doing a good job. Gazebo donors Maxfield revealed the name of the family that is donating a gazebo for placement at Remembrance Park. The do-

nors are the descendants of Stephen, Gordon and Faulkner Chase. The Chase family was among the earliest settlers of Woodstock, Maxfield said. Jennifer Chase was present at Tuesday's meeting. She said the style of the gazebo's roof was meant to remind people of the old train station that had stood near the park. The pre-fabricated structure will arrive in about four weeks, Maxfield said, and a workday will be planned to set it up. The board also heard a presentation from the Woodstock Conservation Commission on an Open Space Plan they had compiled.

Draft EIS

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The F-35, which will also be used by several United States allies, is a multi-role fighter, capable of performing ground attack, reconnaissance and air defense missions. It will replace the F-15, which (with the F-10) is now classified by the Air Force as a "legacy aircraft." The F-35 is a "stealth" aircraft, but critics contend that while it may be invisible to radar, it is hardly stealthy to the human ear. They claim it is twice as loud, based on decibel level, as the F-15 it replaces. "Especially intrusive" The EIS looks at six possible locations for bedding down F-35s. Of those six, two are classified as "Preferred Alternatives": Hill Air Force Base in Utah and the Air

Guard Station in Burlington, Vt. The EIF proposes that if the F-35s are based at Burlington, Condor 1 and 2 be combined into a single MOA, with an operating floor of 500 feet. The floor would also be lowered in the nearby Yankee Laser MOA, which overlies nearly all of the White Mountain National Forest. As far as noised-levels are concerned, the EIS Executive Summary claims the F-15 (despite its ground-attack capabilities) "would fly mostly at altitudes above 23,000 MSL," where its noise would be dispersed. But, the EIS notes, under Yankee Laser, "persons on the ground could perceive an increase in noise. Such increases would likely add to the percent-

age of the population annoyed by aircraft noise. Persons recreating in special land use areas, such as White Mountain National Park, may consider additional noise especially intrusive. "However," it claims, "per-flying-day overflights, especially low-altitude overflights, would either decrease or remain about the same. The potential for repeated low-altitude overflights of any specific location would be minimal." Scoping sessions Three public scoping session on the Burlington option are scheduled. None are in Maine. The nearest will be in Littleton, N.H., on Tuesday, May 15. A Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS can be found on page 9.

In Goal

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traveling next to a similar tryout in Saco. There, she said, the competition was even stiffer. "I was surprised when I made it," she said. "[The tryout] was over two nights. I did average on the first night, but I had a really good second night." She looks forward to traveling all over New England next season. Her team will also compete in the country's largest girls' hockey tournament, the annual Connecticut Polar Bears Christmas Tournament, with more than 225 teams from the U.S. and Canada. McCaella has applied to attend Hebron Academy next year, hoping to continue her education there and play on the Hebron hockey team. Longterm, she said, "I'd love to play in college, but that's a long way away."



McCaella Prentice

Depot

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Carver's Woodworking will do carpentry, and volunteers will do some smaller jobs. The station platform will stretch across the front of the building, with dimensions of approximately 26 feet by 5 feet. "We hope most of this will be done before June 23 — Friends and Family

Day," said Chapman. The GHS is still looking for pictures and other materials related to the period in which the station was in use for display, she said. The Gilead Historical Society was founded in 2004. For more on the society, or to support the depot effort with information,

memorabilia or financial resources, contact Chapman at 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com. (Note: The Presumpscot Foundation applied for the grant from the Maine Community Foundation (MCF). The Gilead Historical Society is a collaborating partner with the Presumpscot Foundation.)



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

I suppose that since the calendar showed the first day of spring quite some time ago I should probably start my spring-cleaning. Or, at least start thinking about it.

It seems strange to me that any season should dictate housework. I know the idea behind the spring-cleaning tradition is, after a long winter being able to open the windows and air things out.

If opening the windows to let fresh spring air in was the extent of it then I'd be all for it. I can go around the house and open windows like a pro.

But alas, spring-cleaning generally means clean the house from top to bottom as well as the air and I'm not such a pro at that. I think it has been several springs since I have really tackled that chore and now it definitely has to be done.

There are people who keep such a clean house that there is no spring-cleaning to be done. They do things like sweeping and dusting on a daily basis. They wipe spills from woodwork when they happen. They keep their cupboard and closets organized. They even sweep the cobwebs from the ceiling and light fixtures on a regular basis.

These people are amazing to me and I envy them to have such domestic discipline. I do not fall into this category of

housekeeper. If there was such a magazine as Bad Housekeeping I would be their feature story. I am truly a good example of a bad example of housekeeper.

I sweep when I absolutely have to and, rarely dust. I even let my grandkids draw pictures in the dust as long as they don't date them. I do try to wipe up spills when they happen, but don't always accomplish the mission.

It will probably be more like an archaeological dig than a cleaning...

I figure cobwebs on the ceiling and light fixtures are good fly catchers so I just leave them alone.

As for my cupboards and closets, well, that's where I hide all the accumulated clutter when company comes. Cleaning and organizing these little hidey-holes is like taking a walk down memory lane and that is a walk that I really need to take.

This is the spring that I am going to do an honest to goodness spring-cleaning. I really am. Rather than just blaze a trail through the clutter I am going to pick it up, put it away or toss it out.

Not only am I going to sweep the floors, I'm going to wash those bad-

boys until they shine. Maybe I'll even invest in some floor wax and go all the way.

And yes, by golly, I'm going to hoe out the cupboards and closets and get everything organized. That's no easy chore considering that I have 12 cupboards in the kitchen where I've been stashing stuff for a very long time.

There are five good sized closets in this house and a number of drawers. It will probably be more like an archaeological dig than a cleaning, but I'm going to do it. I'm actually getting excited about the artifacts I'll find. I think I see a yard sale in my future.

Washing the woodwork is not something I'm quite as excited about. That is a back-breaking, knee-numbing chore and I'm not looking forward to it. But, gosh darn it, I am going to do it.

It's time to break out my copy of Hints From Heloise and get some labor-saving ideas not to mention some cool cleaning solutions. It's time to get my house in order and get the spring-cleaning underway.

I'm going to get going on that pretty soon and I know I'll be pretty darn pleased with myself when it's done, and the way I see it a good place to start is by opening a whole bunch of windows and wait for the place to air out.

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OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, April 10

At 1:13 a.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to Main Street in Bethel for a report of an intoxicated male trying to break into a business.

Wednesday, April 11

At 8:08 a.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby and Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Mason Street in Bethel for a report of a large amount of vandalism between the town common and the school. Planters were knocked over and two signs damaged.

At 12:17 p.m. a caller reported that another subject on the East Bethel Road in Bethel had discovered that money she had hidden was gone. Deputy George Cayer responded.

At 1:18 p.m. a caller reported that a subject had just left court headed for Andover, driving under suspension. Cpl. Chancey Libby was assigned.

At 1:38 p.m. Deputy George Cayer responded to Paradise Road for a report that a mailbox with two days worth of mail in it had been stolen.

(Time not listed) a caller reported that he had heard several hundred shots fired on Paris Road in Bethel. Cpl. Justin Brown was assigned.

At 4:48 p.m. on Route 26 in Woodstock Deputy Dani Welch summonsed Timothy W. Bates for speed. A search of the vehicle and four occupants found a baggie of marijuana on Bates.

Friday, April 13

At 10:08 a.m. at Station Place, Bethel, a caller reported that kids might be lighting fires for fun, based on debris and evidence. Cpl. Justin Brown was assigned.

At 4:37 p.m. the Greenwood fire chief advised he was checking an unpermitted burn on the Greenwood Road and the landowner was getting unruly. State police and the Maine Forest Service were assigned.

At 6:13 p.m. Sgt. Matt Baker responded to Route 2 in Gilead for a black sports car speeding.

At 8:53 p.m. on the West Bethel Road in Bethel Cpl. Brian Landis arrested Zachary O. Downs, 19, of Bethel for furnishing liquor to a minor. Zachary D. Szalma, 18, of Bryant Pond was arrested for furnishing a place for minors to consume alcohol.

Saturday, April 14

At 2:40 p.m. a caller on the East Bethel Road in Bethel wanted a subject charged with theft for taking a gas grill. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo responded. It was a civil matter.

At 7:25 p.m. a Railroad Street business in Bethel reported someone in the store who was intoxicated. The subject drove off in a pickup truck. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

Sunday, April 15

At 6:27 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland and the animal control officer responded to the Sunday River Road in Bethel for two horses standing beside the road. The owner came after being contacted.

Monday, April 16

At 12:34 p.m. a caller on the Intervale Road in Bethel reported that during a Fire Department response to a fire his vehicle had been struck in his driveway.

This report highlights points of interest from the Oxford County Sheriff's Department Bethel Patrol log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the OCSD, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

April 14, 1:48 a.m.: John W. Creelman, 42, of Bethel, OUI; by Cpl. Brian Landis in Bethel.

April 15, 4:36 p.m.: Robert T. Brace, 23, of Norway, OUI, violation of bail conditions, operating an uninspected/defective motor vehicle; by Cpl. Brian Landis in Woodstock.

Veterans' Monument List

The following is a Part 2 of Veterans from World War II who went in from the towns of Albany, Bethel, Grafton or Mason. Based on information acquired through the Maine Archives, the Mundt Allen Post #81 and other sources, the following veterans may be included on the Veteran's Honor Roll for the Town. All names have been cross checked to their headstone for the correct spelling of the name. Please take a look at the names and let a committee member below know if there should be any additions, deletions or information added to this list, and if so, the documentation. If you see a deceased veteran on this list and no cemetery listed and they are deceased, please let a committee member below know where they are buried. If you see your name on this list please provide the committee with a copy of your discharge paperwork (DD 215, DD215 or WD form) for your eligibility to be included on the honor roll.

Anyone who has served in any branch of the military to include Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserves are eligible to be included on the Veteran's Honor Roll as long as Albany, Bethel, Grafton or Mason have been listed as their home of record on their DD214, DD215 or WD form and show an honorable discharge. On older DD forms, Home of Record won't be listed, but residence will be, so residence will be used for eligibility.

If you need to get a copy of your DD forms, you can contact the Bureau of Maine Veteran's Services at 207-430-6035 and request an application to apply for your DD form for proof of residence or Home of Record. You can also order your military records by going online to: www.vetrecs.archives.gov fill out the form online, print it, sign it and send it in. Or you can request Form SF 180 from the National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, Mo 63138. They will send you the form for your completion, you will send it back to them at the address indicated on the form and they will send you a copy of your records. There is no charge for this service.

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Please get back to the following committee members by April 30 with any information you may have. You may mail or e-mail any changes of information to the following committee members: Jane Ryerson, P.O. Box 152, Bethel, Maine 04217 e-mail: carjar95@megalink.net or you can call me at 207-357-2772, or Ramona Grover, 183 Kings Highway, Mason Township, ME 04217, e-mail: rlgx2@megalink.net or call 207-836-2802.

Town of Greenwood Request for Bids

The Town of Greenwood is now accepting bids for seasonal maintenance for the following locations:

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6. Veteran's Park

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The Greenwood Board of Selectmen reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Don't forget that Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, is the indoor yard sale at the West Parish Congregational Church, UCC, on Church Street in Bethel. This is an important event. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Smile Fund, which helps provide restorative dental work to adults. Dental work is expensive and most people don't have dental insurance. The Smile Fund, which was established by the West Parish Congregational Church, UCC, has helped provide this service for the past nine years. Donations of items will be accepted from April 18-20. For more information about the sale, to donate, or to get an application for aid, call Rev. Virginia Rickeman at 824-0550.

On Wednesday, April 25, from 3 to 5 p.m., there will be a special showing of the film "The Finland Phenomenon: Inside the World's Most Surprising School System" at the Telstar High School lecture hall. Finland's school system is ranked No. 1 in the world. Test-based accountability and externally determined learning standards have not been part of their policies. Finland's success appears due to the flexibility, creativity, and professional trust of their teachers (who compete for entrance into graduate schools). After the film, participants will break into small groups led by facilitators to discuss ideas presented in the film. This special event is free and open to the public. It is a collaboration of the SAD 44 Continuing Education Office and Western Mountains Senior College. FMI contact 824-2780.

There will be a Community Supper on Wednesday, April 25, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from the Telstar parking lot). There is no charge and everyone is welcome. For more information, call 824-2289.

SeniorsPlus will hold an Open House at the Green-

wood Town Office on Wednesday, May 2, from 9 to 11 a.m. Another Open House will be held at the Norway Town Hall on Wednesday, May 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. The open houses will introduce a new outreach project for seniors and adults with disabilities in Oxford County. Kathy Brill, manager of the Aging and Disability Resource Center at Seniors Plus, will be at the open houses to introduce the new SeniorsPlus Oxford County Outreach worker, Valerie Cole. Refreshments will be served.

Wildflowers are appearing in the woods and along the roadways. I've seen dandelions, bluets, pinks, and periwinkles along the roadside. In the woods the Mayflowers have finally blossomed and the trilliums and Jack-in-the-Pulpits have pushed through the ground. The beech leaves, which hang on all winter until new buds push them off, are falling, which means the forest floor and trails are slippery. Wild animals are also out. Remember that May and June are the months that we have the most car-moose collisions in Maine. Moose come out to the roadways to eat new tree shoots and plants, which contain salt residue from the roads. Drive with caution, lower your speed, and use high headlight beams, especially in the early morning and after dusk.

If you have news you'd like to share, call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



I will start this week's writing with various thank you's. John and Eva Coolidge are thanking

all the neighbors for their help and quick actions, Danny Long for bringing his rig and all the fire departments and fire fighters.

The Alder River Grange also wants to thank John Coolidge and the Crookers for saving the Hall.

Myself, I too want to thank everyone involved

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as it could have all turned out a lot worse. It was so amazing how quickly neighbors came with shovels, buckets and hoses to help to try and keep the fire from spreading till the fire department arrived.

Thanks to all the combined efforts the Grange Hall is still standing, the cows are fine and the fire didn't spread out of control. Sadly John and Eva lost all the hay for the cows. East Bethel sure is a great neighborhood to live in. In this spirit, it would be nice to hear from our new neighbors. Please, call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net.

On April 13 Alder River Grange 145 had a regular meeting with eight members present at the Grange Hall. Mark your calendars as on Sunday, June 17, the Alder River Grange will host a Reunion for the East Bethel School from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be refreshments and drinks. At this time the Alder River Grange will also present the Community Service Award to a member of the community. There will also be a box for food, such as canned goods or non perishables, to be donated to the Bethel Food Pantry, as there are a lot of people who need help. Last month the Alder River Grange already donated several bags of food and were told that it was much appreciated. The next meeting will be on May 11 at the Grange Hall starting with a potluck supper at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m.

Some of you may know that Millie Jackson fell recently and she is now at the Norway Rehab. She sure would love to hear from friends and neighbors. We all wish her a speedy recovery and send her lots of love.

Here is the answer to the last Trivia: "One Spring the Reverend G.B. Hannaford was crossing the river on the ferry boat and the cable broke. The boat started for Rumford, The parson was scared. He wept and called for help. The rescue was not difficult but the temptation to tease him was irresistible. People said, "Why Brother Hannaford, I have heard you preach many's the time that you are ready to go when the Lord calls!" "Yes. But you never heard me say I wanted to go by water!" I hope you all enjoyed this one.

I thought I'd let you know that early May a consignment store, the INNSide Shop, will open on Main Street in Bethel. I will keep you posted about the exact opening date and am looking forward to see you there.

Have a great week everyone.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Summer has arrived! At least for now! How do I know? The moose are out and causing accidents on Route 2 (watch out), the traffic has picked up on Route 2 (lots of motorcycles) and the different summer birds are arriving (a new one). The biggest sign of all is that we put the gazebo (tent) up on the front lawn. It was so nice last Sunday that we decided we would take a chance with the weather and get the tent out. It was so nice out there that we ate lunch and enjoyed the warm weather. We also put out the birdbath and the chipmunk has already climbed up and had a drink. If the weather turns cold, he will surely be surprised.

My brother, Steve McLain, said that he had a few goldfinches at his house. Some of them have become a really bright yellow. Almost like a flash of light when they fly by the window.

Major Stephen McLain called his parents, Steve and Lise McLain, this past weekend.

One of the new birds at the house last week was an Eastern Wood Pewee. I don't think that we have had one here. He was singing and there was another one answering him. He flew from one bush to another and even sat on the mailbox for a while. He was on the fence by the mailbox when the mail lady pulled up. He stayed until she started to leave, but returned as soon as she left. I heard him while we were out Sunday, but was not able to spot him.

Sunday morning the backyard was full of Robins (over a dozen), several Flickers and, at one point in the midst of them was one little Junco. Also, about 7 a.m. that morning, there were two Canada Geese that flew very low going down Route 2 toward Bethel. It was hard to tell if they were obeying the 35 mph speed limit through town, but then, very few cars do.

I saw Don Katlin last Saturday. He is looking good and seems to be doing well.

Lise McLain attended the Senior Citizen Club luncheon last week. She also went to the Annual Cook-out that was held at the SAD 44 maintenance garage where her husband, Steve, works.

GHS

Norm Buttrick stopped by the house last Saturday to check in and see what progress is being made with the building renovations on the station and



ON WATCH-Carol Savage recently got this photo of a coyote outside her home.

school.

Bob and Judy Bishop have been in communication by way of phone calls. Bob has completed the financial information needed for grants. Condolences go out to Judy and her family. Two of Judy's relatives, her nephew, Doug Daniels, and her sister-in-law, Betty Daniels, passed away recently.

Town Office

The Gilead Town Office will be closed until Tuesday, May 1. The Tax Collector will be attending training mandated by the State. Anyone who needs to register a vehicle can go to the Greenwood Town Office. The Town Clerk/Treasurer will still hold office hours on Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m.

SeniorsPlus

SeniorsPlus will be holding an open house at the Greenwood Town Office on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, from 9 to 11 a.m. and the Norway Town Hall on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, from 2 to 4 p.m. to introduce a new outreach project for seniors and adults with disabilities in Oxford County. Kathy Brill, manager of the Aging and Disability Resource Center at SeniorsPlus, will be there to introduce their new Oxford County Outreach worker, Valerie

Cole, to the community. Refreshments will be served.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



The State of Maine recently had a speed-monitoring device posted in Locke's Mills along Route 26. It was one of those signs that flashed the speed of oncoming vehicles. The speed is 35 mph through town, but as we all know, that seldom happens. It took me quite a few days of driving by it to finally have it flash back at me "35."

Several hay bales caught fire Sunday evening near the Alder River Grange at Bean's Corner (the intersection of the East Bethel and Intervale roads). Area fire departments were able to keep it under control. Fires are a great danger this spring because it is so dry. We may not want it, but we certainly need rain for our wells and forests.

The Greenwood Fire Department has begun

There is a pair of loons on Round Pond and I saw a single loon on South. They have also been spotted on North Pond and Lake Christopher.

Jane and Jim Chandler recently saw a great horned owl sitting in a tree while they were out for an evening walk at North Pond.

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Andover

By JANE RICH



Attention Spring Cleaners: On April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is Free Medicine Disposal Day across the nation, so that people can safely dispose of unwanted prescriptions, vitamins, etc. Local drop-offs include the Sheriff's Office in Bethel and the Rumford Police Department. Call the Town Office, 392-3302, for more information or look for postings around town. It has been discovered that disposing of medicine down the sink or toilet is contaminating the water-table nationwide.

Andover will be having a Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, June 9, at the Transfer Station from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. You will be able to dispose of your hazardous wastes at no charge. For more information or a list of items included, pick up a flyer at the Transfer Station or the Town Office.

This past Saturday a group of quilters spent the day at the CEB working on several projects including charity quilts for various organizations. Under the leadership of Shirley York, the quilting group will be organizing a quilt show as part of Olde Home Day festivities

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to be held in the sanctuary of the First Congregational Church. Anyone wishing to enter a quilt in the show should contact Shirley at 369-0575.

For those of you seeking to enrich your prayer life, there will be two scheduled workshops at the CEB of the First Congregational Church. One is this Saturday, April 21, from 9-11 a.m. and will focus on meditative prayer. The following workshop will be May 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. and focuses on quiet prayer. Both sessions are being conducted by Linda Couture and weave prayer and art together to give the participants a different way of entering into prayer. There is no fee and the workshops are open to the public.

Be sure to come out for the Birthday Supper on Saturday night which will have seating at 5 and 6 p.m. The menu is turkey and trimmings with birthday cakes for dessert. Prices are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. The Birthday Supper is an annual event begun by the Ladies Aid Society in 1938.

Preparations are underway for the Mayfair held to raise money for the Hungry Kingdom project which feeds our school children. Crafters interested in having tables should contact Sharon Hutchins at 392-4351. While the CEB is the location for this event, the Town Hall has also been reserved. Come out and make this a huge success. You'll be glad you did.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



Carol Norman, Upton librarian, plans to have the library open twice a week for the summer, beginning next week. The hours will be Tuesday, 8 to 9:30 a.m. and Saturday 8 to 9:30 a.m. She welcomes anyone to stop in, say hello, and take a look at Upton's unique little library. There are some beautiful bookcases in the building and I have often wondered where they came from. Were they purchased? Were they built by local craftsmen? How old are they?

The Upton Historical Society will have their next meeting Sunday, April 22, 1 p.m. in the Upton House. April meeting is the annual election meeting. The terms of all elected officers are two years, all of them expire the same year, and this is the year. The terms for the board of trustees members are three years, with one third of the terms expiring each year. This year Jim Rector's term is up. We hope that he is able to attend the meeting, and that he is willing and able to serve another term. The terms for curator and reg-



MURDER MYSTERY-The Bethel Community Players will perform in a murder mystery dinner theater, "The Butler Did It" on May 11 and 12 at The Bethel Inn Resort. Shown above are, front: Ross Timberlake and Jim McLean. Standing: Tineke Ouwinga, Lorrie Hoeh, Carole Timberlake, Norman Milliard, Roberta Taylor and Elton Cole.

istered agent are one year. These positions are appointed by the board of trustees during their annual meeting, which immediately follows the annual election meeting. Memberships expire at the end of April. Also included on the agenda, will be the clean-up trip to Forest Lodge (May 5), working on plans for "Fun Day," and planning this year's first tour to Forest Lodge. This is an important meeting; please attend if you can.

The Ladies Aid breakfast Sunday was well attended. They will be serving the Sunday breakfasts only until May 13, four more weeks better enjoy them while you can!

There will be a meeting Saturday, April 28, in the school building. Anyone interested in helping with, or being part of forming an A.T.V. club in Upton area should try to be there. A lot of decisions, policies and agendas will probably be made and set at this meeting. In order to create a successful club a variety of people are needed.

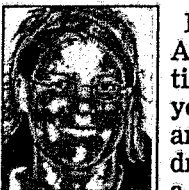
The Planning Board will have their next meeting Friday, April 27.

The Town office hours, until June 16, will be Tuesdays, 8 to 10 a.m. and Saturdays, 8 to 10 a.m. The office will not be open Thursdays.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Greenwood City

By MINDY SWEETSER



Happy April Vacation to all of you parents and children! What a grand week to have off with highs in the 80's. Such a deserved

treat for all the students who have been working so hard in school and waiting for Spring Vacation. I'm grateful I have the honor of staying home with my kiddos and enjoying their time off with them. The kids are in their glory fishing by day and smelting by night. I'm so glad I had kids at a young age or else I wouldn't be able to keep up with them all, for I struggle at times but for the most part I blend in as I'm a natural kid at heart.

Saturday we went to the Kora Shrine Circus, which was wonderful and never ceases to amaze me.

I went to my first Avon party Friday night with my good friend Chandra and her girls. Needless to say we had a surprisingly good time, since it was based on women turkey hunters. I could relate to the main topic; however I didn't do so good on the Quiz! I did win a bow release, which I definitely needed.

I'm thinking about selling Avon for a small hobby, so if anyone is interested in an ordering book you can call me or stop by the Inch By Inch Farm in Greenwood City. I have set some out on the counter there. The date for the order to be in is on the back with my number. I have tried out some of these products and got lots of information on them. I like the products for the most part and surprisingly the prices are reasonably sensible. One aspect I like is that the company doesn't test any of their products

on animals which is a great thing, and if for any reason at all the makeup doesn't work for you, like your allergic to it or what not, they will buy it back. There is a great line of all natural products as well. So if you don't already have a connection to an Avon agent, please look me up 890-5281.

When I was on my way to the Avon party I came upon a terrible car crash right on the 219 corner before the Yates Road in Greenwood. The guardrail was definitely a savior, for if it was not there that car would have plunged right down over the bank into the river. For when I was a kid all that was there was a bunch of wooden posts linked with cable really not a very good barrier. I'm not sure of the cause of the crash there but I know that when the sun is setting that stretch of the road is blinding.

Saturday, my husband and I kicked off the start of yard saleing and we went to our first yard sale of the new year. I found and bought my mom a vintage cookbook, which she collects, so I was happy.

Wow were the tensions stiff on the American Idol this last week I was astonished! America for once was thinking like myself. That is never the case but for this week with in all our votes we for

one worked together and showed that our thoughts are loud and clear.

Unfortunately, we have a family of foxes visiting the farm and harvested my son's prize tom turkey the other night. We are all disappointed but at some level understand the balance of survival. The fox family have eight-plus kits to feed, so I see the strive to hunt easy game. It is only a farmer's mistake of not properly securing the animals. We shall learn from this mistake and poor Henry will be in our thoughts! He was a pet not dinner! Or at least not intended for dinner!

Monday we kicked off our April VK with a long family hike. We packed a picnic and the fish poles set out for a day's adventure, which my brother was supposed to be the guide, and he eventually got us lost only a half mile off course, but he back tracked and rerouted us back on the right trail. All in all it was a great time and banked in our memory vault!

The animals on the farm are in full shedding mode. The little bucklin's horns are growing quite rapidly

like the sprouts of grass on the lawn. The chickens are feeling broody now it nears fair weather. Just like a timer in their mind they start nesting and collect a whole clutch to sit on and hatch out.

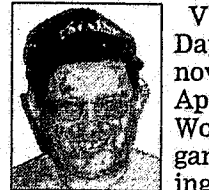
Well when you read this column it will be my baby boy's 5th Birthday! My youngest is now a school-age boy. Wow, how time flies! So my birthday wishes go out to you, Kaidan Lee. Happy Birthday, baby boy!

Quick reminder: It's that time again now to start planting peas. My kids love fresh peas.

My thought for the week is: No matter how far wrong you've gone, you can always turn around.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



Volunteer Day in Hanover was April 14. Workers began gathering at the

Town Office around 8 a.m. with everyone bringing rakes, shovels and trucks. Those working on the cleaning effort around the Town Office were Brenda and Brian Gross, Frank Morrison, Richard Stratton, Darlene Baker, Bob and Peggy Susbury, Henrietta List and Donna and Clem Worcester. Cold mountain stream water quenched workers' thirst and during the break everyone munched on Darlene's scones, doughnuts and some of the famous Gardner Roberts Memorial Library home baked beans. When the work ended the Town Office, Library and roadway to the boat ramp looked pretty spiffy.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library Trustees' meeting was April 10 at the Library. Reports of officers were accepted and there was a discussion of activities. It was reported that there is a need for volunteer librarians to fill in some days as needed.

"Did you know?" is a new library feature where new books are listed on the bulletin board located in the Town Office. "Did you know?" the library signs out magazines from subscriptions donated by patrons. Anyone can see

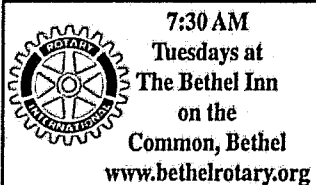
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A Hanover homestead was originally built around 1809 by Jonas Willis. It passed through a number of owners until Horace Morse owned it and lived there with his nephew John Morse. The first house burned in 1956 and a new house was built on the same site. After John passed away other relatives assumed ownership. Last week A & B Logging razed the house for the owners.

The weather is quite summery and it seems like spring is in full swing. Flowers are poking out of the ground. Folks are enjoying fishing while moose and deer tracks can be spotted. John and Louise Morton have returned to Hanover. Some folks are even buying new cars. Yup! It must be spring.

Mason

BY RICHARD GROVER



A couple weeks ago, I purchased three new rose bushes and proceeded to plant them as soon as I got home so they wouldn't dry out. I dug out a couple of old dead plants and tossed them aside while I planted the new ones. Shiloh (big dog now) was observing as I worked. Next thing I noticed was Shiloh chewing on one of the old plants. Thinking little of it (they were useless), I tossed the old plants into the bushes and went on to plant my third new plant. Next morning, I found one of my new rose bushes lying on the front step where Shiloh had left it after pulling it out of the soft ground! I scolded him very thoroughly and replanted the bush. Another scolding, and Shiloh acted really sorry for what he had done. More than a week went safely by, and then I found another of the new bushes uprooted

and chewed! I think I really convinced him that was not a good idea this time. We will see!

More Wild Weasel:

After being "rescued" from our practice evasion, our jungle survival training was complete. All that was left was the ride back to Clark Air Base in the back of "six-by" trucks, which had benches mounted along either side of the open cargo beds for us passengers. There were about 10 "survivors" in the back of each truck. We were soon winding down a narrow dirt road out of the foothills. As we rounded a bend, we met a Filipino man driving a carabao pulling a two-wheel cart. Our driver, a young airman, pulled our truck to the left side of the road and stopped to allow the Filipino man to pass.

As our driver put our truck into gear and started to pull back to the center of the road, the left side of the roadway gave way, and our truck started to roll over to the left into a gully about 15 feet deep. I was seated just behind the cab on the passenger side, and I didn't want to be in the truck when it landed upside down at the bottom of the gully.

So, I leaped forward, thinking I could clear the front of the truck before it went all the way over. I was a split second too late, and found myself thrown down into the bottom of the gully ahead of the careening truck. I can still see myself in a nearly dry, but muddy stream bed, looking up at the truck cab, rapidly descending, upside down directly over me.

The thought went through my mind, "Oh, sh—! Here I am getting killed even before I get to the war!" Funny how rapidly your mind works in a case like that.

Lucky for me, my guardian angel was watching out for me. The hood of the truck was one of those rounded type that bends down over the engine and meets the fenders at almost a right angle. As the truck settled down atop me, I found myself pinned in the angle between hood and fender, my head squeezed into the muddy stream bottom (face up), with just a matter of two

to four inches of space between mud and fender. My shoulders and knees were pinned between hood, fender and stream bed. I just knew the truck was going to keep settling, and my time was up. I could hear other guys talking and rocking the truck, trying to free a couple other fellows pinned beneath the truck bed. Not knowing what was going on at the other end of the truck, I yelled for them to quit rocking the truck, or I was going to drown!

Another fellow came around to the front of the truck and asked how I got there. I said, "I don't know, but 'please put something under the hood of the truck to keep it from settling any deeper!'"

He assured me the truck wasn't going to move and went back to help the other guys. I knew he was lying to me, but there was nothing I could do. I found myself lying on my side with my knees being squeezed together, but nothing was broken, yet, but they were starting to hurt more. Time passed, and I could hear a lot of activity in the rear, but didn't know just what was happening, but I heard a helicopter and some other vehicles.

Finally, a couple more fellows came around to my end of the truck. With one fellow digging with his hands, I was finally able to get my arms around past my head toward the front of the hood. A fellow took my hands, I got my knees unjammed, and they were able to pull me out from under the truck, thoroughly covered from head to toe in mud and engine oil. What a relief! I assured those helping me that I was bruised but perfectly okay, but I was such a sight they insisted I be taken to the hospital for cleaning up and observation.

I had a nice helicopter ride to Clark Air Base hospital, where they cut my flight suit off me and cleaned me up. I even had several long chats with a psychiatrist that evening and the next morning before they decided to turn me loose. Sam came into the hospital and was relieved to learn I was okay and would be making the trip to Takli with him!

I was distressed to learn

of the tragedy at the rear end of our truck wreck. An Army captain, who had come to our jungle training class to build a similar training program for his unit in Vietnam, was killed by the rear wheels of our truck. Another pilot received a broken back and was flown back to the mainland for treatment and recovery.

One positive outcome for me was that I decided that the only reason I survived was that my time wasn't up. This attitude stuck with me throughout my combat tour, that there was no reason to worry because if my time wasn't up I would survive. If not, there was no use in getting prematurely worked up over it. I think it's called "fatalism."

Bryant Pond

BY ALICE HOYT



Judith Grover Tent 17 Daughters of Union Veterans would like to thank the citizens of Woodstock for adding to our fund to enlarge the Veterans Honor Roll in town. We are currently researching eligible names of veterans from 1815 (when the town was incorporated) through 1900. If anyone would like to submit a name, please e-mail the town office at BPTring2@megalink.net or leave the information at the town office. Please include any proof you may have. Any veteran who listed their residence as Woodstock or who lived in town prior to or after their service is eligible.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jacqueline M. Harwood.

Judith Grover tent 17 met on Monday, April 9, for a regular meeting at the Grange Hall. President Vicky Myers read that on this date, April 9, 1865, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to Union General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia. Thank you letter was read from Maine Veterans' Home for the Valentines delivered from the tent. Sally Sawyer talked about Memorial Day plans. Elsie Bonney talked about

the Veterans' Monument and finding names to put on it. Voted to give Woodstock Elementary School eight classroom flags and one for the gym. On May 7 Norway tent needs help to install a new member. Twenty-three calls were reported. Elena Noyes received the mystery package. Report was given on the Senior Citizens dinner. Sister Joyce Howe was given her 50-year pin by President Vicky Myers. It was good to see Joyce at the meeting. Next meeting is May 14 at the Grange Hall.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening is prayer meeting at 6:30. April 22 to 25 are Revival Services. Sunday, April 29, is a special 4 p.m. service with the young people taking part. Other churches will be present also.

Ken and I had as Easter dinner guests Beth, Steve and Marybeth Hoover, JoAnn, David, Shawn and Ray Crockett and Kayle Bickford, James and Charlene Hoyt and Crystal Cash. Robert Hoyt called from Alaska and Joseph and Maggie also called. It was a busy day with Sunrise Service and breakfast, regular church service, dinner, a visit in the afternoon with my sister, Leatrice Chase, and evening church.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Alice Smith Deegan and Jane Mills for the loss of their father and brother.

Sympathy to the family of Richard Kimball.

Bethel Senior Citizens meet

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met April 11 at the Funky Red Barn for their meeting and luncheon with 45 members present. President Caroline Gould conducted the meeting, led the salute to the flag, led in singing "God Bless America" and offered a prayer. Reports were given by Musa Brown and Arlene Lowell. The door prize was won by Becky Keen and the raf-

fle by Doris Fraser. The next meeting will be May 9 at the West Bethel Grange Hall. Reservations are required before May 1 by calling Caroline Gould at 824-3226 or Arlene Lowell at 824-2877. Price of dinner is \$8. Meeting starts at 11 a.m.

Fran Head spoke about trips for this summer. Some suggestions were the Songo Queen, Bailey Island and Casco Bay Cruise.

The speaker was Joel Speakman who is a financial planner; his office is with Edward Jones in South Paris. He has clients of all ages and helps them plan for retirement.

Lise McLain circulated cards for shut-ins to be signed by members.

Happy Birthday was sung to those having birthdays in April: Jodi Carter, Mary Deblais, Marilyn Gilbert, Jane Hosterman and Fran Head. A picture was also taken by Caroline Gould.

New Probert book released

Author Randall Probert has announced the recent release of his newest book, "Train To Barnjum, a historic novel with photos."

For 56 years, from 1879-1935 the Sandy River & Rangeley Lake Railroad was an important transportation system for the entrepreneurs in the early lumbering industry in North Franklin County, opening a vast woodland forest. It was equally important for the local residents and farmers who serviced the growing lumbering industry, as well as providing transportation of goods and people to neighboring communities.

It took a lot of food to feed hungry lumbermen, so the contractors depended on caribou, moose and deer to feed the crews. But in 1880 the Maine Warden Service was established and legislature passed a law prohibiting the commercial killing of wild animals to feed the crews.

Probert has created the characters Game warden Sterling Silvanus and his wife Wynola, who patrol the woods and lumbering communities along the

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45-noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. FMI: 824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the public at no charge. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy

Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Rev. Philip Tracy, Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. FMI: 824-3932.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings

and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesdays: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 - 10 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824.4099 FMI or ride. **Trinity Lutheran Church** - Route 117, S.

Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singersation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Sunday services: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Leiven. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. **Our Lady of Ransom**: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabus Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave., The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 4 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556. **Praise Assembly of God** - Pastor Justin Thacker. 986 Prospect Ave. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - Sunday services, 9 a.m. Sept. to June.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth 6 p.m.; Word of Life Olympians (kids club) 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.; Ladies' ministry, food pantry, third Saturday of month. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson (207-527-2551), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

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S & R Railroad, enforcing the laws of the newly formed Warden Service Department.

As a little twist in this new book Sterling Silvanus unravels the mystery of Warden Kirby Morgan's disappearance in the book: "A Grafton Tale."

"Train to Barnum," and all of Randall Probert's books can be purchased at Books N Things, Bethel and Norway, Melby's in North Waterford, the Bethel Foodliner, Crossroads Deli and at the Bear River Training Post, Newry.

Murder Mystery Theater

Murder at Ravenswood Manor and the promise of a huge reward, finds an assortment of zany sleuths scrambling to find the killer. Bethel Community Players return for this three-act murder mystery dinner theater, "The Butler Did It," on May 11 and 12, at The Bethel Inn Resort.

This delightful comedy spoofs English mystery plays but with a decidedly American flavor. It is chock full of running gags, puns, melodrama, mistaken identity and many other nods to the Golden Age of the detective novel. Playwright Tim Kelly paraphrases the names of his characters to represent the beloved detectives of the past, such as Miss Marple, Nick and Nora Charles, Charlie Chan, Lord Peter Wimsey, Philip Marlow, Father Brown and Modesty Blaise.

Miss Maple, played by Tineke Ouwinga, a wealthy society hostess noted for her "imaginative" weekend parties, invites a group of detective writers to eerie Ravenswood Manor on Turkey Island, where they are to assume the personalities of their fictional characters. Her invitation list of mystery writers includes Father White played by Roberta Taylor, Chandler Marlowe by Ross Timberlake, Louie Fan by Norman Millard, Rick Carlyle by Jim McLean, Laura Carlyle by Carole Timberlake, Peter Flimsey by Elton Cole, and Charity Haze by Leigh Dickinson.

Miss Maple hires Haversham, a young housemaid and ex-convict, played by Lorrie Hoeh, and Rita, a social secretary, played by Rosabelle Tiff. All sorts

of amusing incidents occur in the creepy old mansion until an actual murder takes place, and each of the "guests" realizes he or she is marked for death. The outraged hostess offers an immense reward to the detective who brings the killer to justice. Adding to the mystery are the appearance of two characters, Mabel Dupre, an adventuress, and Pharaoh Link, a San Francisco police detective.

The joy of "The Butler Did It" is that the characters are so captivating and the story line so chock full of surprises that everyone is in for an evening of fun, frivolous entertainment.

Lynn Arizzi directs the play, assisted by Barbara Dion, with Ross Timberlake as producer. Carol Campbell plays a radio announcer, and Joe Arizzi handles the sound effects.

The Play marks the return of the dinner theater tradition at The Historic Bethel Inn Resort, which provides the ideal setting for this mystery play. Doors open both nights at 5:30 p.m. with a "Welcome to Ravenswood Manor" social at the Gibson Room. The first act of the play starts promptly at 6:20 p.m. in the country main dining room. The buffet dinner will be served after the first act with beverages served during brief intermissions. Diners will have an opportunity to write their guesses of "who did it" on table cards, and names of those who guess correctly will be eligible for a prize drawing.

Reserved seating for the dinner theater is limited to 80 each night. Tickets are \$29 each and on sale at any of the play's sponsors: The Bethel Inn Resort, Timberlake's Home Store and Ruthie's Boutique. For more information, call The Bethel Inn Resort at 824-2175.

Bethel Library new books

The Bethel Library has recently added the following books to its collection:

Adult Fiction: "Rope" by Nevada Barr, "Accidents of Providence" by Stacia M. Brown, "Agony of the Leaves" by Laura Childs, "Stay Close" by Harlan Cohen, "Explosive Eighteen" by Janet Evanovich, "Cinnamon Roll Murder" by Joanne Fluke, "Devil's Food Cake Murder" by Joanne Fluke, "Kill Shot" by Vince Flynn, Bridge of

Scarlet Leaves" by Kristina McMorris, "The Healing" by Jonathan Odell, "The Expats" by Chris Pavone, "Come In and Cover Me" by Gin Phillips, "Celebrity in Death" by J. D. Robb, "Heart of a Killer" by David Rosenfelt, "The World We Found" by Thirti Umrigar, "Queen of America: A Novel" by Luis Alberto Urrea, "Before I Go to Sleep" by S. J. Watson, and "Golden Hour" by Margaret Wurtele.

Adult Nonfiction: "Younger Brain, Sharper Mind" by Eric R. Braverman, "The Fox Effect: How Roger Ailes Turned a Network into a Propaganda Machine" by David Brock and Ari Rabin-Hav, "The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement" by David Brooks, "Blood Sugar Solution: The Ultra-healthy Program for Losing Weight, Preventing Disease, and Feeling Great Now!" by Mark Hyman, M.D., "Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal" by Jeanette Winter, and "Island of Vice: Theodore Roosevelt's Doomed Quest to Clean-Up Sin-Loving New York" by Richard Zacks.

Junior and Children: "The One and Only Ivan" by Katherine A. Applegate and "Mighty Miss Malone" by Christopher Curtis.

Adopt-A-Book: The Bethel Library has an Adopt-A-Book program, which allows library supporters to donate money for a book that the library has selected to add to its collection. A book plate is put in the front of the book with the contributor's name along with the name of the person that the book is being donated "in memory" or "in honor" of. If you would like to adopt a book, please contact the library at 824-2520 for a list of books waiting to be adopted.

Recent Adopt-A-Book donations include: Cross Country Quilters in memory of Virginia Keniston, "Dinosaur vs. the Library" by Bob Shea and "A Ball for Daisy" by Chris Raschka; Caroline Gould in memory of Mary Valentine, "In the Company of Others" by Jan Karon; Linda Howe in memory of Michael Andrew Richard, "The American Way of Eating: Undercover at Walmart, Applebee's, Farm Fields and the Dinner Table" by Tracie McMillan; and Peggy Paine in memory of Mary Valentine, "The Song of Achilles" by Madeline Miller and "The Odds" by Stewart O'Nan.

BHS history symposium

The Bethel Historical Society Annual History Symposium was held in the Bethel Inn's Gibson Room April 14 with approximately 40 people in attendance. This year's theme was "Don't Let the Truth Get in the Way of a Good Story: Myths, Lies and Other Traditions of Local and Regional History."

Retired Telstar Regional High School faculty member Rodney Abbott of West Paris set the scene by describing some of the reasons false historical beliefs that have been so essential to America's cultural past.

Using the late Stanford University professor Thomas A. Bailey's noted 1968 Presidential Address to the Organization of American Historians titled, "The Mythmakers of American History" as a departure point, Abbott noted how strongly our nation's history has been influenced by so many Americans believing in the superiority of the American people, the supremacy of the white race, the "safety-valve free" land in the West, unbridled rugged individualism, and in the rags-to-riches certainty of success.

In addition, Abbott warned of the distortions of Hollywood films and television, cultism, and the idea that certain events only have one cause. Also to be distrusted are the "devil theory of history," historical pronouncements by U.S. Presidents, that the American nation is omnipotent, and that permanent victories exist.

In summing up his remarks, Abbott cited Bailey, indicating that historians need to get the story straight and as free from bias as possible since we have so much history we can be proud without claiming a past that never happened.

Following the discussion of examining history from a national viewpoint, Bethel Historical Society Associate Director Stanley R. Howe focused on myths and distortions of the local past.

One of the most difficult obstacles to overcome, Howe stated, is the belief that "Sudbury Canada" (Bethel, before it was incorporated in 1796) was located in Canada, as the name is so often written

with a comma between Sudbury and Canada. He related how difficult it was to persuade the editors of his most recent book on Bethel to leave out the comma. He thought he had the problem solved until the book came out and, once more, the comma was still there! The historical reality is that there were a number of "Canada townships" created in New England to compensate soldiers from Massachusetts for their service in the various campaigns by the Commonwealth to remove the French presence from Canada. In Bethel's case, these troops were from Sudbury, Massachusetts, and thus the name.

The cemetery on Route 5 in Bethel is often mistakenly called "Woodlawn," despite every effort to promote its correct name of "Woodland," including the placing of name on the receiving tomb near its entrance. "Robertson Hill" is the historically accurate name for the prominence just west of Bethel Village, based on some of the early settlers there bearing that name, but for some reason it is now referred to (and shown on modern maps) as "Robinson Hill," despite several recent efforts of getting it corrected.

As Howe pointed out, another problem in connection with local names is the tendency to call the recently-named "Intervale Road" (between Route 26 and Rufford Corner)

"Middle Intervale Road." One final distortion of the local past was highlighted by Howe: that although no buildings were burned during the famous "Last Indian Raid" of 1781, the centennial and sesquicentennial celebrations of this event in 1881 and 1931, respectively, largely focused on the destruction of a log building by fire.

During the second hour of the Annual History Symposium, Randall H. Bennett, Bethel Historical Society Executive Director, provided a presentation about some of the region's myths and historical distortions. Bennett based many of his comments on personal experience, pointing out misperceptions he's observed while assisting others with genealogical research and while conducting tours of the Society's 1813 period house museum.

He also related several stories in connection with an early 1980's survey of historic architecture in Oxford County, including problems associated with dating older houses in the region.

Other subject offered by Bennett included the life of the Indian "Princess" Molly Ockett, the famous "Moon Tide Spring" on Mount Zircon near Rufford, and such well-known White Mountain stories as the Great Caribuncle, the Willey Slide and the "Mount Washington Valley," earlier known as the "Eastern Slope."

Telstar grad named Winter Portland Coach of the Year-Girls' team

Telstar graduate Brandon Salway, son of Norma Salway of Albany and the late Dave Salway, was recently named Portland Coach of the Year for a winter sports season girls' team by the Forecaster newspaper.

Under his guidance and calm demeanor, the Waynflete girls' basketball team made it to the regional final this winter, despite being hampered by player injuries, according to the newspaper. He also marked 200 career wins during the season.

"While great players and hard workers have been a constant, you can't understate the passion, devotion and skill Salway brings to the table," the Forecaster said.

Salway is a 1985 graduate of Telstar. The Forecaster describes his background and other sports accomplishments: "Salway, who also was honored back in the fall after leading Waynflete's boys' soccer team to its first Class C title, grew up in Bethel and attended Telstar, where he played soccer, basketball and baseball. He played a year of basketball at Dean College, then two years of soccer at the University of Southern Maine. Salway got involved with coaching his final year at USM. He had a previous stint coaching the girls' basketball team at Waynflete, spent some time with the boys' program, then returned to the girls for the 2007-08 season.

Salway lives in Old Orchard Beach and is also Waynflete's assistant athletic director and a physical education teacher.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT F-35 OPERATIONAL BASING

The United States Air Force (Air Force) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The Air Force proposes to establish the initial beddown for F-35A operational aircraft at one or more Air Combat Command (ACC) or Air National Guard (ANG) installations over a period of approximately 5 years. The beddown scenarios consist of 18 or 24 F35A aircraft at ANG or AFRC installations, and 24, 48, or 72 F-35A aircraft at ACC bases. The Air Force has identified six alternative locations for initial basing of the operational F-35A aircraft: Burlington AGS (a preferred location), Vermont; Hill AFB, Utah (a preferred location); Jacksonville AGS, Florida; McEntire JNGB, South Carolina; Mountain Home AFB, Idaho; and Shaw AFB, South Carolina. The proposed action also includes basing of personnel needed to operate and maintain the F-35A, and construction and/or modification of facilities on the bases to support F-35A operational aircraft. F-35A aircraft would conduct training flights from the base and in existing airspace associated with each proposed location. No new airspace would be established as part of the proposed action.

The 45-day review and public comment period for the Draft EIS initiated when the Notice of Availability was announced in the Federal Register on April 13, 2012. The Draft EIS is available for downloading from the Web at www.aecplanning.org or a hard copy can be obtained by contacting Mr. Nick Germanos at (757)764-9334.

Public hearings will be held during the 45-day review and comment period commencing on April 30, 2012, and ending on May 17, 2012. Please see the table below for locations and dates of the hearings. They will all be held from 5 to 8 p.m.: an open house will occur between 5 to 6 p.m., at which time Air Force personnel will be available to answer questions about the proposal. The formal public hearing will begin at 6 p.m. After a brief presentation to provide the results outlined in the Draft EIS, the floor will be opened for comments from the public pertaining to the environmental analysis and findings; all oral comments will be recorded by a stenographer. If all commenters have had an opportunity to comment, the Hearing Officer may adjourn the meeting before 8 p.m.

City/Town	Date	Location
Burlington, Vermont	Monday, May 14, 2012	South Burlington High School, 550 Dorset Street
Littleton, New Hampshire	Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Littleton High School, 159 Oak Hill Avenue
Watertown, New York	Thursday, May 17, 2012	Case Middle School, 1237 Washington Street

All comments will be accepted through June 1, 2012; both written and oral comments will be considered equally. Written comments can be submitted at any of the hearings or sent via U.S. Postal Service to HQ/A7PS, 129 Andrews Street, Suite 337, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia 23665-2769, ATTN: Mr. Nick Germanos.

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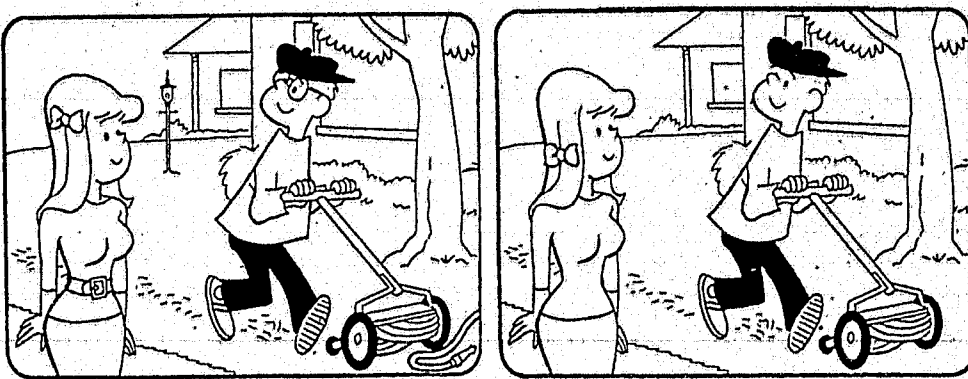
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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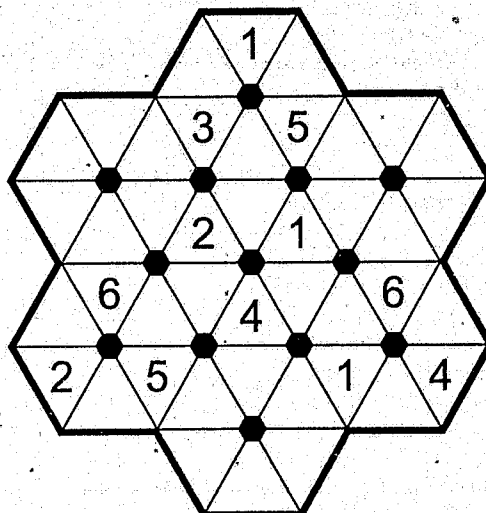
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by Japheth Light

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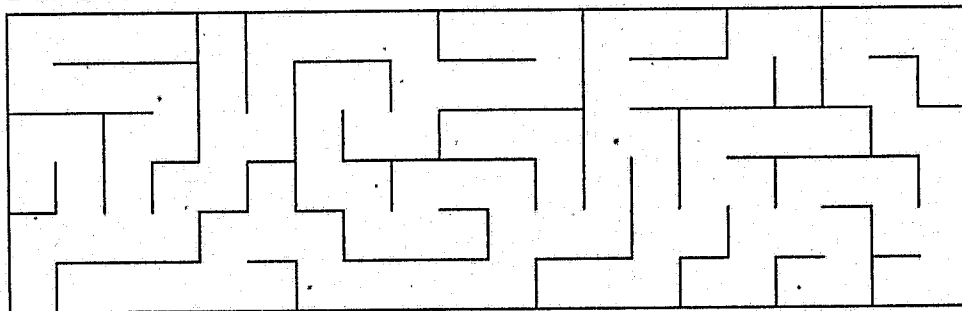


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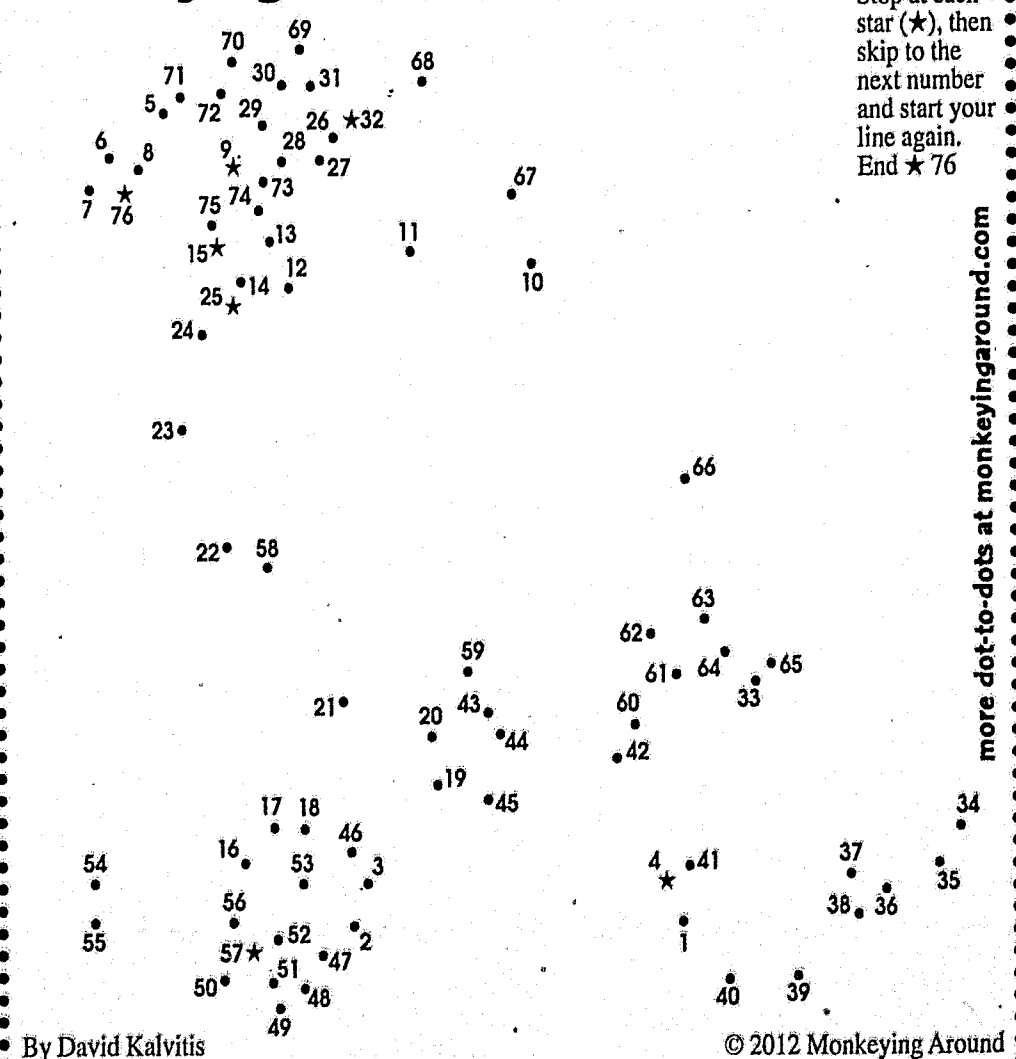
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 - 29 SHAEF commander
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 - 35 Kid heaven
 - 38 Unisex garment
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 - 42 Pageant prop
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 - 55 Left out
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 - 133 "The Haystacks" artist
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 - 74 '60s chic
 - 76 Bernardo's boss
 - 77 Force out
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 - 81 "2001"
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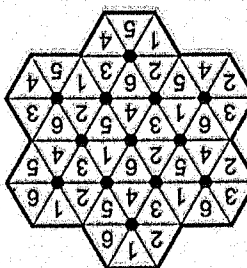
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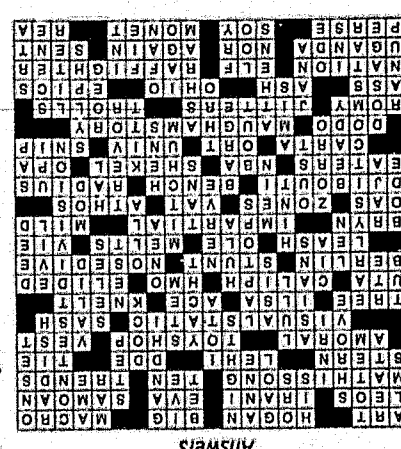


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Community Calendar

Tuesdays thru May 1

1 to 3:30 p.m. - **Living Well for a Better Health** at Boardroom, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. Cost: \$10 per person, scholarships available. Registration required. FMI/Registration: (866) 609-5183.

Thru May 31

4:30 p.m. - **Walking for the Health of It**, sponsored by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital. Meet at Riverside Trail at Oxford Hills Middle School (100 Pine Street), South Paris. Free. Pre-registration required. FMI/register: (866) 609-5183.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday thru June 30
"My Picture Book," exhibit by local artist Sheridan "Mac" McLaughlin at West Paris Public Library. Sheridan will give a talk on April 19, 6:30 p.m. at the library. Displayed artwork spans 43 years. Library open 1 to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. FMI: 674-2004.

Thursday, April 19

1 to 7 p.m. - **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, Maine Veterans' Home, 477 High Street, South Paris. Walk-ins welcome. FMI/appointment: 743-6300.

6 p.m. - **Community Supper**, Wilkins Community House, Plummer Hill Road. Bring dish to share. FMI: 583-6677.

Saturday, April 21

9 a.m. to 12 noon - **Bake Sale**, Bethel Foodliner for Albany Congregational Church Scholarship Fund.

9 a.m. to 12 noon - **Indoor Yard Sale**, West Parish Congregational Church, UCC, Church Street, Bethel. Proceeds benefit The Smile Fund, which aids those in need of restorative dental work. Donations accepted April 18, 19 and 20.

9 a.m. - **Western Maine Chapter of SWOAM** meeting at Frost Hill solid Waste facility. Session free and open to public. Coffee/donuts available 8:30 a.m. FMI: Merle Ring 743-5976 evenings or Al Schaffer, Region 11 forestry instructor, 743-7756, Ext. 1213.

5 to 6 p.m. - **Birthday Supper**, Andover. Turkey and trimmings with birthday cakes for dessert. Price: \$8 adults/ \$4 children. Sponsored by Andover Ladies Aid Society.

5:30 p.m. - **Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting** at First Congregational Church, South Paris. Conservation awards. Cost of dinner at 6 p.m.: \$10. FMI/reservation: Jean Federico 743-5789, Ext. 111.

Saturdays, April 21 and 28

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Band** at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Cost: \$5.

Sunday, April 22

All day - **Earth Day Celebration** in Norway. Day begins with work party at Alan Day Community Garden, 26 Whitman Street; celebration kicks off at noon behind Main Street's Fare Share Co-Op (music, food and more). Day culminates at First Universalist Church, Norway, with supper beginning 5 p.m. Earth Day Peace Concert begins 6:30 p.m. Admission to supper \$7 and \$5 for concert or \$10 for both supper and concert. FMI: 743-2828

or e-mail heather@heatherpierson.com.

1 p.m. - **Upton Historical Society** meeting at Upton House.

2 p.m. - **St. Kieran Arts Center** Performing Arts Series presents **Mango Grove Steel Drum Band**. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$6 students. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or visit office at 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H.

7 to 11 p.m. - **Funky Spring Dance Chem-free**, Funky Red Barn, 19 Summer Street, Bethel. Grades 9-12 \$5 at door. DJ, raffles, open pool table, refreshments on sale.

Mondays, April 23 and 30

1 to 2:30 p.m. - **Shoestring Forums**: Healthy Food on a Budget April 2; Clothing - Thrifting is the New Cool April 9; Get a Hold on Household Expenses April 16; Transportation and Entertainment April 23; Community Resources Connections April 30 at Adult Learning Center, Telstar High School. Cost: \$5 each or five for \$20. Instructor: Kay Larson. Sponsored by SAD 44 Adult and Continuing Education. FMI/register: 824-2780.

Monday, April 23

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** for adults 19 and over at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI: (800) 281-3703 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>

Tuesday, April 24

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - **AARP Driver Safety Course** for drivers 50 and older at town office, 366 Valley Road, Waterford. One hour lunch break w/lunch available. Fee: \$14, advance registration required: Mary Delorenzo (583-4490) or Tom Harvey (597-2331).

Wednesday, April 25

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **Community Supper (no charge)**, Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

Wednesdays, April 25, May 2 and 9

10 to 11:30 a.m. - **Active Parenting**, six-week parenting group at Norway Savings Bank, 1 Park Street, Bethel. For parents of children 5 through 12. Cost: \$15. Scholarships and fee waivers available for qualifying families. FMI/ Register: Tammy Beaulieu 739-6547 or Hallie Twomey 333-6425. Note: no childcare available.

Friday, April 27

7 p.m. - **The Theater at Monmouth** returns to Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg. Tickets: \$8 adults/\$4 students 3 to 18/under 3 free, available online www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac or Box Office 935-9232. Free parking.

Fridays, April 27, May 4, 18, 25 and June 1, 8

1 to 2:30 p.m. - **Active Parenting**, six-week parenting group at Region 9 School of applied Technology, 377 River Road, Mexico. For parents of children 5 through 12. Cost: \$15. Scholarships and fee waivers available for qualifying families. FMI/ Register: Tammy Beaulieu 739-6547 or Hallie Twomey 333-6425. No childcare available.

Saturday, April 28

9 a.m. - Meeting to form **ATV club** in Upton. Anyone interested in being involved should attend. It is expected Mike Worthley, ATV Maine, Western Region VP., will attend to answer questions. FMI: Bob Pepler 533-2061.

5 to 8 p.m. - **Benefit Spaghetti Supper** for Silas Brown, a child with Cerebral Palsy to have specialized adaptive equipment and specialized therapy, will be held at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, Bethel. Cost: donations appreciated. Chinese Auction table.

7:30 p.m. - **Gretchen Parlato**, Jazz Artist performs at Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Campus of Fryeburg Academy. Free parking. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$20 seniors 65+, \$15 students may be purchased online at www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac or by calling Box Office 935-9232.

Sunday, April 29

8 a.m. - **Camp Clean-Up Day** at Bryant Pond 4H Camp and Learning Center. Bring friends, family, or students. Hearty lunch 12:30 p.m. provided by camp kitchen. Raking, brush removal, painting, gardening, firewood, moving canoes and kayaks, and other fun projects. Bring special equipment or garden tools if possible. FMI: Ron Fournier 665-2068 or e-mail ronaldfournier@maine.edu.

10 a.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust** Outing to Round Mountain, Albany, Larry Stifler and Mary McFadden property. Easy two-hour hike. Appropriate gear, water and snacks. Meet parking lot for Round Mountain 6.9 miles on Vernon Street (from Main Street, Bethel), bear left at stop sign, travel 1.2 miles on Hunt's Corner Road to turn-out and field on left. FMI: or if inclement weather 824-3806, e-mail info@mahoosuc.org or check www.mahoosuc.org for rescheduling.

Wednesday, May 2

9 to 11 a.m. - **SeniorsPlus** open house at Greenwood Town Office to introduce new outreach project for seniors and adults with disabilities in Oxford County. Refreshments. FMI: 795-4010 or (800) 427-1241 or visit www.seniorsplus.org.

Thursday, May 3

12 Noon to 3 p.m. - **Kindergarten Registration**, Agnes Gray School, West Paris. If child will be 5 before Oct. 15 and plans to attend, call 674-2332. Parents need to bring copy of child's birth certificate, immunization record and recent physical examination.

Thursday, May 3 thru Sunday, May 6

8 p.m. - **"Jake's Women"** performed by Oxford Hills Music and Performing Arts Association at Norway Grange, Whitman Street, Norway. Tickets on sale: Books-N-Things, Main Street, Norway. Tickets half price opening night.

Saturday, May 5

8 a.m. (registration) - **Lyme Disease Awareness Conference**, Mountain Valley Middle School, Highland Terrace, Mexico. FMI: 357-1926 or e-mail dianefarnum@yahoo.com

Sunday, May 6

4 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Community Band Spring Concert** at West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Donations accepted at door. Refreshments following concert.

Monday, May 7

Noon to 5 p.m. - **Blood Drive** at Telstar gymnasium sponsored by Telstar National Honor Society.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Municipal

Bethel Selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 5:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

Organizations

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—Meditation and more with Mountain Heart Sangha, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Café DiCocoa. FMI: Cynthia Handlen 871-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.—TOPS at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.—Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October

thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p.quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. - Guided One-Hour Walking Tour of Historic Bethel Hill. Meet at bell tower on north end of common. Free but donations accepted. FMI: 824-2908.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.—Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005

Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. The Yet To Be Named Banjo Club practices in the Commons Room of the Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzzi16@myfairpoint.net.

SUPPORT SERVICES

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across

from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

Calendar items may be brought to the Citizen office, e-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2126. **DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT NOON**

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All of us at MKA hope you are having a wonderful April vacation week! We are busy putting the final plans on our Summer Adventure Program. The brochure has gone to print and we will get it out and up on our website by the end of the month.

MKA presented two performances of "Charlie & the Chocolate Factory" last Friday, April 6th. What a wonderful group of 18 students who worked so hard for 6 weeks to perform the play for the whole school and community. Special thanks to Megan Kelly and Betsy Raymond who were the co-directors and to Tera Ingraham and the MKA staff and students for making all the scenery and props!

We are so fortunate to have the Bryant Pond 4-H camp staff doing after-school programming at all of our school. Today we started an Archery class with 13 students and instructors Ron Fournier and Phil Catanese.

MKA Board of Directors announces that our annual meeting will be on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 4:30 at Crescent Park School. Check us out on our website www.mahoosuckkids.org and follow us on Facebook and Twitter @Mahoosuckids. Happy Spring!

Julie Hart,
MKA Director



Entire cast Co-directors Megan Kelly and Betsy Raymond Dakota Albert, Lilo Bean, Nicole Berry, Izzy Chase, Livy Clarke, Preston Fultz, Katherine Haley, Vicotria Hamel, Emalee Harrington, Charles Hodge, Lucas Mally, Trey Meader, Reese Rosenberg, Kaitlee Turnick, Jose Forbes, and Luke Hayward.



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Granpa Joe
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Lily Schofield and her sock monster.



SS Wonka Front to back Trey Meader,
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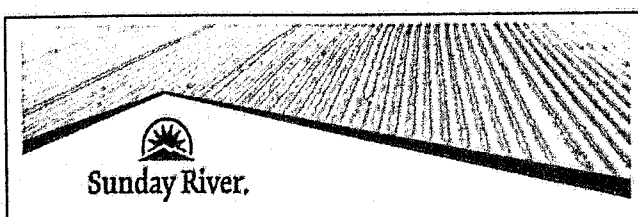
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He was born on March 7, 1958, the son of Harry and Nicky Johnson. He lived his first few years in West Richfield, Ohio, before moving back to Wilmington, Mass., with his family.

After graduating from Wilmington High School, Randy spent two years in the Navy before returning home. He worked odd jobs until he went to work for his two brothers, Marc and Rod, installing furniture systems in Massachusetts. He later became his sister Fran's biggest helper and closest friend at her sporting camps in the backwoods of Maine, and when she moved into the Bethel area, he soon followed. Bethel became his new home and he worked as part of the Perfect Turn family at Sunday River Skiway managing the River House with Fran, as well as being a valuable member of the Gould Academy dining hall family.

Randy's entire family will miss him so very much, but most especially his sister Fran and her children Aimey, Tucker, Elayna and Autumn for whom he was more than just an uncle, along with his dog Belle, who loved their long walks in the woods, and all the cats that he cared for like they were his own children. He is also survived by his sisters, Dianne Ladd, her husband Bruce and son Hobie of Boulder, Colo.; Kathi Burke of Greenwood, Maine and her daughters Heather and Kristin; brothers, Marc Johnson, his wife Carol of Manchester, N.H., and their children Marc, Marissa and Courtney; Rod Johnson and his fiancée Lou Ann of North Andover, Mass., and Rod's children Randy, Jessica and Lexi; along with many other family members including Robin Morin who was like a sister to him; many cousins, and grandnieces and grandnephews who all loved his kind and gentle soul. He is predeceased by his parents, his sister Laurie, his brother Frank, and his brother-in-

law John Burke.

Anyone who knew Randy at all knew what a hard worker he was. He liked to think that he lived his life quietly and unnoticed, but he was noticed and appreciated and loved by many more people than he ever realized. He was lucky to have lived his last years feeling a part of such a warm and welcoming community.

Services celebrating Randy's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at the Bethel Alliance Church on Walker's Mills Road (Route 26) with a short reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Responsible Pet Care-dogs, PO Box 82, Norway, Maine 04268.

SCOTT P. THOMAS

Scott Peter Thomas, 50, of Lovell passed away peacefully surrounded by friends and family on Saturday, April 7, 2012 after a five-year journey with colon cancer.

He was born Oct. 23, 1961, at the Osteopathic Hospital in Portland, to the late Ursula Thomas and the late Clarence Thomas Sr. He grew up in Cornish, graduated from Sacopee Valley High School and graduated from the police academy. He became York County Sheriff after high school. He moved to Lovell, where he lived for the past 30 years. He married Angela Barker on Aug. 18, 1990, they have three children, Jared, Allison and Spencer. He called his golden retriever, Cassidy, his guardian angel.

Scott owned and operated a family business, Superior Striping (parking lot striping) for 13 years and has now passed the business to his eldest son Jared to carry on.

Scott was a past professional candlepin bowler; he bowled on television. He was a Men's League Softball player for more than 30 years. He was a past recreation director for the town of Lovell as well as a past T-ball coach and girl's softball coach. He was active in town government as well, serving on the budget committee and as the safety officer for the Lovell Volunteer Fire Department, where he had been a volunteer fireman since high school. He took fire investigation classes and ran fire safety events at the elementary school and taught children what it meant to be a firefighter.

Scott was a past parade chairman for the town of Lovell. He was a member of the Kora Shrine, where he was a log roller and drove in many parades. He was a member of the Delta Lodge 153 in Lovell, the Lovell Lion's Club and a Redman member.

He was a team member and sponsor of two racing teams for more than 25 years at Oxford Plains Speedway. He enjoyed

making maple syrup with his family.

Scott put on a lot of benefit suppers for community members; anyone who needed help, Scott was one of the first ones there.

Scott was an active advocate for colon cancer screening. When first diagnosed after learning there was no cure at the time, his first action was to start the fight with chemo treatments and then what could he do to help others with cancer.

Scott was the Amgen Breakaway from Cancer Survivor Award Winner for 2010, a national award for making a difference in the community and inspiring others.

He did a commercial and several TV interviews with Channel 8. He was a speaker at numerous cancer conferences and meetings around the state of Maine during the past five years of his battle with cancer. He spoke at two cancer conferences in Stowe, Vt., in the past two years and did two radio shows on cancer awareness that aired on several stations in the Mid-west. He mentored a lot of other cancer patients on their journeys. His motto was; fight the fight, fight for the cure.

He was a big Red Sox fan and loved going to Fenway Park.

Scott is survived by his wife Angela of Lovell; three children, Jared, Allison and Spencer; nieces and nephews; and many in-laws.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 21, at 1 p.m. at the Fryeburg Academy Gym. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Scott's name to the Lovell Volunteer Fire Department, Bridgton Hospital Oncology Clinic, or Jen's Friends Cancer Foundation in North Conway, N.H.

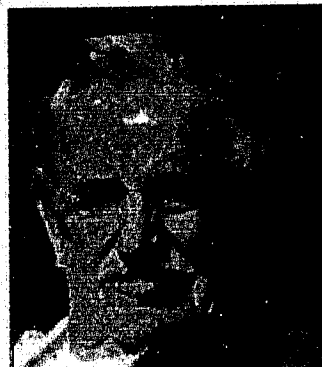
SHIRLEY 'BUD' MEISNER

Shirley James "Bud" Meisner, age 85, Fruitland Park, Fla., formerly of Georgetown, Mass., died April 11, 2012 after a brief illness.

He was born Dec. 7, 1926, in Andover, Maine, and made a career working for the General Electric Company in Lynn, Mass., as a Planning Engineer until his retirement after 40 years of service.

He is survived by two sons, Stephen Meisner and Marshall Meisner; a daughter, Marcia Raymond; as well as his grandchildren, Mathew Meisner, Mellony Meisner, Megan Cote, Todd Greig, Mark Greig, and Shari MacIntyre; and six great-grandchildren.

A future memorial service will be held in his hometown of Andover.



RICHARD S. KIMBALL

Richard S. Kimball, 82, of Bethel died Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at his home with his family by his side.

He was born in East Bethel on July 16, 1929 the son of Ceylon and Doris Davis Kimball. He was a lifelong resident raising his own family on the same homestead where he was born. He worked many years for Malloy's Construction in Rumford until his retirement in 1992 due to complications with his MS. He was a loving, devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. He loved spending time with his family more than anything. He was avid about building airplanes and flying them with his son and grandsons. He loved his heritage Harley trains and his old one-lunger engines.

He belonged to the Maine Antique Power Association. He always enjoyed the Fryeburg Fair and listening to Joe Perham. His love for life and people will remain forever in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be missed by his family, friends and his special companion Spike.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Patricia; daughter, Beverly Sylvester of Bethel, daughter, Debra Mills of Bethel, daughter Nancy Ashenbrenner and husband David of Wyoming, daughter, Brenda Platt and Craig of New Hampshire, daughter, Penny Savage and husband Keith of Greenwood, son, Ceylon Kimball of West Virginia, son, Amos Kimball and fiancée Carrie of Bethel; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sister, Adell Springer and husband Keith of Florida; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son, Richard Kimball, Jr.; granddaughter, Melissa Sylvester; brothers, Melton and Donald; and sister, Isabel Boyce.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Memorial services were held Saturday, April 14, at the Alliance Church in Bethel with interment to follow at East Bethel Cemetery.

Scribner services

Graveside services for Kendrick M. Scribner will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2 p.m. at Abbotts Mills Cemetery in Rumford, Maine.

Births

John and Tonya Lewis are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Lily Catherine Lewis.

Lily arrived on Friday, Jan. 20, 2012, at Mercy Birthplace, Portland, Maine. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 19.75 inches in length.

Paternal grandparents are Norman Lewis of Woodstock and Eloise Lewis of Bryant Pond. Paternal great-grandparents are John (Jack) and Pilar Bates of Woodstock and Norman Sr and Barbara Lewis of Cumberland.

Maternal Grandparents are Paul and Kathy Hebert of East Bethel. Maternal great-grandparents are Rowena Dunham of West Paris and the late Herbert Dunham and the late Fern and Geraldine Miller.

Kevin and Megan (Mack) Davis, Bryant Pond, are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Wyatt Nikolas Davis, born on Feb. 26, 2012 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Richard and Lisa Mack of Bryant Pond.

Paternal grandparents are the late Sheldon and Janice Davis.

Wyatt Nikolas joins his siblings: Jordan, Taryn, Lexi and Aleah.

Andrea and Eric Swasey of Andover are pleased to announce the arrival of twin daughters, Adalyn Elia-beth and Avery Lawson, born March 12, 2012 at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Adalyn weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and Avery 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Vern and Dawn Spaden of South China, Maine.

Paternal grandparents are Barry and Sue Swasey of Andover.

Keith and Vera Clanton of San Jose, Calif., are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Vivienne Danger, born on March 22, 2012, in Los Gatos, Calif., weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Rena van den Hart of Claremont, Calif., and Jake Harder of Independence, Mo. Paternal grandparents are Norm and Sylvia Clanton of Newry, Maine, formerly of Bethel.

Theresa H. Gibson and Dustin Lee Mills of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Kylee May Mills, born on March 11, 2012 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Frank Gibson III of West Paris and Grace Gibson of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Dwight and Karen Mills of Greenwood, Janice and Jack Rowland of Rumford. Kylee May joins her brother Cyrus Gibson Mills, 4.

Heather and Scott Groves Jr. of Bryant Pond are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Greta Mary Groves, born March 30, 2012 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Troy and Maryanne Jordan of Bryant Pond.

Paternal grandparent is Scott Groves Sr. of Greenwood.

Greta Mary joins her sister, Gabrielle, 7, and her brother, Graig, 2.

Crystal Toothaker and Joseph Farrar of Sumner are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Brooklynn Louise Farrar, born on April 5, 2012 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces. Maternal grandparents are James Toothaker of Buckfield and Julie Toothaker of West Paris.

Paternal grandparents are Robert Farrar of Sumner and Marian Robertson of Mechanic Falls.

Brooklynn joins her sister, Briar Bedard, 10, and her brother, Blake Farrar, 2.

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